

Tehran weekly attacks PLO

LONDON, Nov. 15 (R) — A fundamentalist Iranian weekly today attacked Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and urged the Iranian foreign ministry to keep a close watch on the PLO mission in Iran. The attack was published in the latest edition of the Guardian of the Islamic Revolution, organ of Iran's corps of revolutionary guards, according to reliable Iranian sources contacted by telephone from London. "It is necessary that the Iranian nation, the government and the foreign ministry in particular be alert to the establishment called the Palestine embassy and investigate its motives and policies," the weekly said.

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Today's Weather

It will be partly cloudy, with southeasterly moderate winds, becoming westerly freshening. In Aqaba, winds will be northerly moderate and seas calm.

	Overnight low	Daytime high
Amman	8	19
Aqaba	12	25
Deserts	7	21
Jordan Valley	16	25

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 19, Aqaba 24. Humidity readings: Amman 26 per cent, Aqaba 40 per cent.

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Orly Organisation threatens to blow up Air France in flight

BEIRUT, Nov. 15 (R) — A group demanding the release of a suspected Armenian guerrilla held in France threatened today to blow up an Air France plane in flight. A woman who said she was from the "Orly Organisation" telephoned a news agency saying: "Inform (French President) Francois Mitterrand that soon one of the Air France planes will explode in the air." She refused to answer questions and rang off without giving further details.

Cairo impounds exiles' property

CAIRO, Nov. 15 (R) — The property and assets of three prominent Egyptian exiles, Gen. Saadeddin Shazli, Mr. Helmut Abu Zaid and Mr. Abdul Meguid Farid, were impounded today by a court order. The court also ruled that the three will be deprived of their civil rights if they returned to Egypt.

Kabul rejects Iran's Afghan peace formula

MOSCOW, Nov. 15 (R) — Afghanistan's Soviet-backed government today condemned an Iranian peace plan which would put militant clergymen in power in Kabul, the Soviet news agency TASS reported today. In a report from the Afghan capital, it said a foreign ministry official has called the Iranian proposals an attempt to impose political and religious concept belonging to the past.

Half a million protest in Madrid

MADRID, Nov. 15 (R) — Half a million people, displaying banners protesting Spain's proposed entry to the NATO and calling for peace, disarmament and liberty, staged a mass rally at Madrid University today. The demonstration was Spain's largest since a million people marched through Madrid last February to condemn an aborted military coup.

Ghali explains Cairo's stand on Saudi plan

TEL AVIV, Nov. 15 (R) — Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali, asked on Israeli radio today about Egypt's attitude to the Saudi peace proposals, said: "If Israel and the U.S. accept them, then Egypt will consider its position." He said the Israel-Egypt Camp David process must continue despite differences between the two countries, because there was no alternative plan. There was "a real gap between the Egyptian and Israeli positions on Palestinian autonomy but there was the same wide gap when we started to negotiate in November 1977," he said.

Amman gets new Grindlays Centre

AMMAN, Nov. 15 (J.T.) — One of the top international banks, the Grindlays Bank, yesterday added to their offices in Jordan, a new management centre in Shmeissani, Mr. N.J. Robson, chairman of the Grindlays banking group, welcomed the gathering of top Jordanian businessmen, heads of financial institutions at the new Grindlays Centre in the new Shmeissani. Dr. Mohammad Said Nabulsi, governor of the Central Bank of Jordan attended the function, which also witnessed the opening of a commercial branch of the bank on the first floor of the building. Also present was the British ambassador to Jordan, Mr. Alan Urwick. The Grindlays Centre houses the bank's general management office together with a corporate banking unit and a multinational banking unit. A central processing unit for all Amman branches is also located within the building.

PLO reported to be in no hurry to discuss Mideast peace formula Saudi envoy says plan recognises Israel

NEW YORK, Nov. 15 (R) — Saudi Arabia's acting ambassador to the United Nations was quoted today as saying his country's Middle East plan recognises the existence of Israel.

The New York Times quoted the acting ambassador, Mr. Janfar Alagany as saying: "It (the plan) does recognise Israel. It says 'all states.' We are not afraid to say that it does recognise Israel. We are not shying away from that word 'Israel' in any sense."

The Saudi Arabian peace plan was announced on August 7 by Crown Prince Fahd. Its eight points included the confirmation of the right of all states of the region to live in peace.

Asked by Reuters about the Times interview, Mr. Alagany said the Saudi plan recognised Israel. But he insisted he was not going beyond the position which he said had been outlined recently by the Saudi Arabian foreign minister, Prince Saud Al Faisal.

"No, I'm not going beyond, I am saying exactly what the prince said," the ambassador told Reuters.

The plan put forth by Crown Prince Fahd last August does not mention Israel but affirms "the right of all countries of the region to live in peace."

Mr. Alagany told Reuters: "It (the plan) mentions all states, and to us that means Israel. All states have the right to live in secure and recognised boundaries, exactly like (United Nations Security Council Resolution) 242."

Asked whether Prince Fahd's plan did include recognition of Israel, he replied: "Yes, that's right."

Israeli reaction

Israel declined immediate comment on the statement by the Saudi official.

Asked about the statements, a spokesman for Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin said Israel refused to comment until it had studied the full text of the remarks.

But Israeli officials said their country's policy would not be based on "this or that interpretation of Saudi Arabia's eight-point plan." The fact is the plan does not once mention Israel," one official said.

Israeli Prime Minister Begin has called the plan "a design for Israel's destruction in stages" and the Knesset (parliament) has sent an all-party delegation to the United States to explain Israel's opposition.

Frankfurters clash with police

FRANKFURT, Nov. 15 (R) — Demonstrators blocked traffic and clashed with police at Frankfurt airport today in a protest on environmental grounds against construction of a third runway in nearby woodland.

Police closed most entrances to the airport terminal and stopped people without flight tickets from entering the building.

By midday more than 1,000 demonstrators had blocked traffic at the arrivals section while police repeatedly fired water cannon into the crowd in an effort to clear the road.

In the woods, another 1,000 protesters gathered. Police said stones, sticks and a molotov cocktail were hurled at police guarding the construction site, where two weeks ago authorities demolished a makeshift village set up by opponents of the new runway.

All three major political parties in the state of Hesse, which includes Frankfurt, support construction of the runway.

A police spokesman at the scene said water cannon, using dissolved tear gas, were brought into play. By mid-afternoon, however, no arrests had been reported.

Caught between Armenians and Turkey

Paris braces up for fresh attacks

PARIS, Nov. 15 (R) — French police, investigating a hand grenade blast in central Paris were on the alert today for possible fresh attacks by a group demanding the release of a suspected Armenian guerrilla.

The grenade exploded last night in a car park near the Eiffel Tower, damaging a car but causing no injuries.

Callers claiming to represent the "Orly Group" told news organisations in Paris and Beirut that the group had set off the blast and would take further action if France refused to release Dimitriu Giorgiu.

Giorgiu was the name in a false Cypriot passport used by the Armenian suspect, police said. He was arrested at Orly airport, Paris, as he was about to board at flight

Aides close to Mr. Begin said he had stated several times in the past that he was prepared to invite any Arab leader to Jerusalem or travel to any Arab capital to negotiate peace provided that there were no prior conditions.

Israeli opposition Labour leader Shimon Peres told Israel radio he supported negotiations with the Saudis if there were no pre-conditions and if the Saudi plan was merely an extremist statement and not a fixed plan which could not be changed.

Israeli afternoon dailies banner headlined the Saudi diplomat's remarks to the New York Times and it was top item on hourly radio news broadcasts.

PLO rejects 7th clause

Commenting on the eight-point formula in Beirut, Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) foreign affairs spokesman, Farouk

Badran reports on King's U.S. visit

AMMAN, Nov. 15 (Petra) — Prime Minister Mudar Badran has said that during his visit to the United States and various meetings with President Ronald Reagan, high-ranking U.S. officials and senators and congressmen, His Majesty King Hussein has reaffirmed the basic principles in which Jordan believes.

These principles are based on Israel's total withdrawal from the occupied Arab areas, particularly

Swedish aide meets Hassan, ministers

AMMAN, Nov. 15 (J.T.) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, received at the Hashemite Royal Court this evening the Swedish deputy foreign minister, Mr. Leif Lefland, who delivered a message to His Majesty King Hussein from King Karl Gustav of Sweden. The message deals with several issues of interest to the two countries, bilateral relations and ways to strengthen cooperation between the two countries.

During the meeting, Prince Hassan proposed the formation of a Jordanian-Swedish committee to study the prospects of cooperation between the two countries.

Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem also received Mr. Lefland today. Mr. Qasem affirmed to the Swedish guest Jordan's consistent stand toward finding a just and comprehensive settlement of the

Kaddoumi, was quoted as saying the PLO rejected a point in the Middle East peace plan implying recognition of Israel.

"It should be clear to everyone that we as Palestinians object to the seventh clause and reject it categorically," he told the English-language weekly magazine Monday Morning. "This position is not open to discussion."

The seventh clause in the plan announced by Saudi Crown Prince Fahd in August supports the right of all Middle Eastern states to live in peace.

Mr. Kaddoumi said the PLO was still studying the proposals but did not think it was necessary for this month's Arab summit in Morocco to take any decision on them.

Saudi Arabia is expected to canvass support for its plan at the summit, but Mr. Kaddoumi said: "I see no need for any decision at

all. These are political questions which can be discussed with other political questions."

He said peaceful settlements were unattainable at the moment because Israel was so much stronger than the Arabs. Unless the balance of power tipped in the Arabs' favour the PLO saw no possibility of a just settlement emerging.

Iraq criticises plan

Iraq has also criticised the Saudi plan as a step which contradicted Arab top-level resolutions.

The speaker of Iraq's National Council, Mr. Naim Haddad, told the Amman Arabic daily Al Dustour in an interview published today that the 1978 Baghdad summit resolutions were binding on all Arab countries and could only be abrogated by subsequent summit resolutions.

Israel to continue Saudi overflights until U.S. supplies intelligence data

capacity as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

Mr. Badran added that the important speech which the King delivered in Los Angeles and which was heard by many prominent American figures was greatly appreciated and disseminated by the various information media.

Mr. Badran was met at Amman airport by Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, the ministers and high-ranking officials.

Swedish embassy opened

Ambassador Stromholm gave a reception on the occasion of opening the new Swedish embassy.

The reception was attended by high-ranking officials and members of the Swedish community in Amman. Mr. Lefland officially opened the embassy here.

The visit of the Swedish minister, who arrived in Amman on Saturday, will also include Lebanon and Syria. He will leave Amman Monday for Stockholm.

Moheiddin opposes Camp David but wants Sinai back

Opposition voices support for Mubarak

CAIRO, Nov. 15 (R) — Egypt's tiny opposition leftist group, the Unionist Progressive Party (UPP), said today it supported President Hosni Mubarak and expressed willingness to cooperate with him.

Party leader Khaled Moheiddin, after a meeting with Mr. Mubarak, told reporters: "Our party supports Mr. Mubarak's policies where Egypt's national interests are concerned."

He said the meeting, which lasted more than one hour, was positive and paved the way for occasional dialogue between the UPP and the ruling power.

The party's leader in a recent interview stated clearly his willingness to cooperate with Mr.

Mubarak even in major foreign issues such as the peace treaty with Israel which the UPP strongly opposed.

Mr. Moheiddin said in Al-Musawwar weekly magazine: "I tell Mr. Mubarak to implement the peace treaty and get back Sinai. I may continue to oppose the treaty but I want him to get back Sinai."

The UPP was the only party which asked its members to vote against Mr. Mubarak's nomination for the presidency.

Mr. Moheiddin said it did so when it thought Mr. Mubarak planned to follow the policy of Mr. Sadat with whom it sharply differed.

Several UPP members were detained by Mr. Sadat on charges of stirring religious strife in Egypt.

Egypt's main opposition group, the Socialist Labour Party (SLP), has already announced full support for the policies of Mr. Mubarak.

U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig later suggested Libya might have been responsible, but Libya denied it.

A letter in mis-spelt French delivered early today to the Reuters office in Beirut said the operation was carried out by the "Lebanese Revolutionary Armed Faction, Saleh Al Misri group."

It said the attack was "our first message addressed to Reagan and his imperialist leadership which is embarking on a systematic destruction of Lebanon and is declared by its latest manoeuvres an open war against all Arab liberation movements."

"In view of its (U.S.) aggressive

Hassan opens fertiliser plant

AQABA, Nov. 15 (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, today officially inaugurated the Jordan Fertiliser Industry Co. Ltd. (JFIC) here by putting into operation one of the plant's power-generating units.

Prince Hassan also inspected part of the industrial harbour sector which will be used by JFIC and the Arab Potash Company's production units and was briefed on the progress of the work on the project now nearing completion. These units are expected to start experimental operations in the coming year and will continue until 1982 when commercial production is scheduled to start.

In a brief speech at the site, Prince Hassan said that the project constitutes a first step towards transforming Jordan into an industrial base in addition to being an exporter of human resources.

"We have great hopes that Aqaba will become a very important economic centre and a basic cornerstone in Jordanian economy," Prince Hassan said.

He was accompanied on the visit by National Planning Council President Hanna Odeh JFIC

Director General Mahmoud Mardi as well as several officials.

The total cost of the project in Aqaba, including a factory for producing aluminium fluoride is expected to amount to JD 145 million.

The plant will have an annual production capacity of 750,000 tonnes of fertilisers and nearly 100,000 tonnes of phosphoric acid.

The fertiliser plant has a thermal power station with capacity of 40 megawatts, a water treatment unit, pumping station to pump seawater for refrigeration purposes, two units for producing concentrated Sulphuric acid each with a daily capacity of 1800 tonnes, a unit for producing 1350 tonnes of phosphoric acid daily and two units for manufacturing fertilisers, each with a daily capacity of 1100 tonnes.

The government has constructed a JD 40 million industrial harbour for exporting fertilisers importing raw materials for the plant and exporting of potash products. Nearly 600 persons will be employed by the plant and training of staff is being conducted mostly abroad.

Israel to continue Saudi overflights until U.S. supplies intelligence data

TEL AVIV, Nov. 15 (Agencies)

The government of Prime Minister Menachem Begin has told the United States it will continue its controversial reconnaissance flights over Saudi Arabia, according to Israel Radio.

The radio said that the government has informed Washington that the flights would continue until the United States supplied Israel with intelligence data on Saudi forces from its own sources.

Last Monday, Saudi Arabia said its warplanes chased off Israeli jets flying over northwest Saudi Arabia near Tabouk Air Base.

Israel did not deny the charge, which came after a declaration by Defence Minister Ariel Sharon that Israel now considered Saudi Arabia as a "confrontation state" because it opposes the U.S.-sponsored Camp David agreements reached between Egypt and Israel.

Mr. Sharon said in a radio interview Friday that Israel had told Washington it "will take all the necessary steps to defend itself." Without specifically saying the overflights were taking place, Mr. Sharon stated that "we acted exactly as we act when we face a hostile state."

Israel's military chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Rafael Eitan confirmed last month that Israel has flown reconnaissance mission in Saudi airspace in the past, and they are 'common knowledge' to Western agencies.

Khomeini calls for propaganda war

LONDON, Nov. 15 (R) — Iranian revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini today ordered the country's Islamic guidance (information) ministry to counter what he called foreign propaganda depicting Iranians as wild.

Ayatollah Khomeini, in a statement reported by Tehran Radio and monitored by Reuters, said Iranian embassies abroad had been inactive in publicising the Islamic fundamentalist regime.

"Our embassies abroad have done nothing and even now they are not in a position to do anything," the radio quoted Ayatollah Khomeini as saying.

"From the very beginning of the revolution, the amount of our propaganda outside the country has been zero," he said.

The revolutionary leader ordered the Islamic guidance minister, Hojatoleslam Abdolmajid Moadikhab, to use the facilities of his ministry for the propaganda drive.

Tehran newspapers meanwhile reported the execution of 10 members of the Mujahadeen organisation, bringing to over 1,900 the number of people put to death for political reasons since June.

Replying to charges abroad that Iran was crushing democratic rights, the speaker of the Majlis (parliament), Hojatoleslam Has-

hemi Rafsanjani, said it was the armed struggle of leftist groups that prompted the government to adopt harsh measures and restrict political freedoms.

Ayatollah Khomeini's statement, made at his north Tehran residence to members of the council for coordinating publicity campaigns, was seen as the latest attack by hardline clergymen on Iran's foreign missions.

The clergy have called several times for a purge of non-fundamentalist diplomats and an "Islamisation of embassies."

Ayatollah Khomeini was also reported to have urged the Islamic guidance ministry to permit the publication of "100 per cent Islamic books only."

His remarks appeared to give fundamentalists an excuse to ban leftist literature which is still available in most Iranian bookshops.

Sattar set for presidency in Bangladesh elections

DACCA, Nov. 15 (R) — The ruling Bangladesh National Party (BNP) candidate Abdus Sattar appeared headed for a landslide victory today in the Bangladesh presidential elections.

Results so far showed he polled 90,238 votes against his nearest rival, Dr. Kamal Hossain of the Awami League, with 8,584.

Government officials said the election had been peaceful, but the Awami League claimed its members had been harassed, polling huts burned down and declared the election "a farce."

Mr. Sattar, 75, a former judge, has been acting president since President Ziaur Rahman's assassination in an army mutiny last May.

Dr. Hossain, 45, an Oxford-educated lawyer, has said that if his party loses the election it will embark on a campaign of constitutional protest.

The election is crucial in that it will determine how Bangladesh, an impoverished nation of 95 million, will be ruled in future.

Mr. Sattar has said he is committed to carry on the presidential system introduced by President Zia, which the opposition has called dictatorial one-man rule.

Zairean paratroops arrive in Chad as Libyan forces prepare to leave

N'DJAMENA, Nov. 15 (A.P.) —

The first contingent of inter-African peace-keeping troops arrived in this city's civilian airport today as Libyan troops stood only metres away waiting to board flights home.

Approximately 300 paratroopers based in Kinshasa, Zaire, disembarked from an Air Zaire DC-10 civilian jetliner this morning. Zairean C-130 Hercules military transport arrived earlier carrying an undetermined number of troops and supplies.

Col. Ngolobayye Aflafi, the

chief of staff of Chad's new integrated national army, said he expected Nigerian troops to arrive later. A Nigerian air force C-170 was seen landing as the Zaire troops were disembarking, but it could not be immediately determined whether peace-keeping troops were aboard.

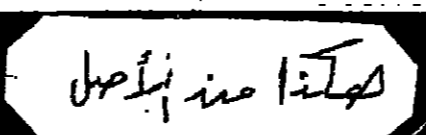
The Zairean contingent is the first of an inter-African peace-keeping force expected to number between 5,000 and 6,000 men. Senegal, Togo, Benin and Guinea are also expected to send troops.

The Zairean commander, Lt. Col. Amla-Lokima, said he did

not know where the Chadians planned to base his men.

Libyan troops have been occupying a military air base and camp in N'Djamena since they arrived last December to help Chadian President Goukouni Ouedde drive rebel forces led by former defence minister Hissane Habre out of the capital.

The Organisation of African Unity (OAU) has offered to field a peace-keeping force in Chad to replace the Libyans. This is the first peace-keeping force fielded by OAU since it was founded in 1963.



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New approach to capital market formation

Jordan sets banking precedent for Third World

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Special to the Jordan Times



Dr. Mohammad Sa'id Nabulsi

AMMAN — A burst of bonds and syndicated loans and aggressive new policy decisions from the Central Bank of Jordan have combined to establish a pattern of indigenous medium-term financing in Jordan that is considerably cheaper for borrowers than the Euromarkets, and could thus set a precedent for other developing countries to emulate.

In three months, no less than eight separate syndicated loans, bonds or forward deals have been completed or initiated in the nascent Jordanian capital market. The deals are worth a total of JD 64 million.

This is JD 15 million more than the total value of the 14 previous bond issues and loan syndications that have been consummated in Amman since such instruments were introduced into the market less than three years ago.

The eight deals that have been completed that are being put together now, or are in the pipeline, are:

1. A 79 million German mark (JD 11.5 million) syndicated forward exchange deal between five Jordanian banks and Bayerische Landesbank, Munich, to supply trailer trucks to the Jordanian-Iraqi Overland Transport Company to haul cargo between Jordan and Iraq.

2. A JD 2.5 million syndicated loan for the Jordan Timber Processing Industry Ltd. The loan is for seven years, at a net 10.25 per cent interest, guaranteed by the government of Jordan and lead-managed by the Industrial Development Bank.

3. A JD 12 million syndicated loan for Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, as part of a loan-bond package to prepay its outstanding Euromarket commercial loans which were originally used to finance Alia's purchase of five Lockheed L-1011 TriStar jets and one Boeing 747 jumbo jet. The loan is for seven years at a net 11 per cent interest rate, guaranteed by the government of Jordan. It is lead-managed by the Arab Bank and provided by a syndicate of 12 banks in Jordan.

4. A JD 6 million bond issue for Alia to complete the above package. The bonds carry an interest rate of nine per cent, payable over five years after a five-year grace period. The bonds are guaranteed by the government of Jordan, and are underwritten by and managed by the Arab-Jordan Investment Bank, the Arab Finance Corporation (Jordan) and the Jordan Securities Corporation.

5. A JD 5 million syndicated loan for the Jordan Cement Factories Company Ltd. to

of Jordan has agreed to rediscount 50 per cent of the participations in this loan by any of the banks in the syndicate.

The present rediscount rate of the Central Bank is 6.5 per cent. Commercial bankers involved in the Alia and other syndications have called the rediscounting decision by the Central Bank "a shift in the traditional philosophy of central banking, and one that provides a comforting measure of safety for the commercial banks". Some bankers say the move will significantly increase the readiness of Jordanian banks to lend medium term.

Central Bank of Jordan Governor Dr. Mohammad Sa'id Nabulsi told the Jordan Times in an interview that the rediscounting decision was made because of the favourable fiscal climate in Jordan (only a slight budget deficit is expected this year).

He noted that similar commitments in the future would probably be made only for government-guaranteed loans, with possible exceptions for very strong private sector companies with a high credit rating. He also expects only a few banks to make use of the rediscounting facility, given the healthy liquidity situation in the market. His estimate is partly supported by the recent brisk growth in the interbank market in Amman, which stood at JD 86 million at the end of August. Commercial bankers, however, suggested to the Jordan Times that rediscounting the Alia loan participations would be a popular and widespread move.

Dr. Nabulsi said the sudden flurry of new deals in the market is a one-shot affair, and he does not expect such a high pace of lending to be maintained.

"What we have seen put together in the past several months represents all of what was in the pipeline for 1981 and even part of 1982," he told the Jordan Times. He added: "We have probably significantly drained the market of excess cash and we'd like to see it regain some liquidity soon."

He points to the ease with which most of the local deals were arranged as a sign of ample liquidity in the market. "The banks clearly had the excess funds to arrange all these loans," he notes.

Dr. Nabulsi also said he anticipates an annual volume of JD 30-40 million of syndicated loans and bond issues in the coming three or four years, with the maximum amount for a single loan in the JD 10-12 million range. He does not think the Amman market could easily put together a loan bigger than this.

He also said that contacts have already been made with officials in Bahrain about the possibility of arranging joint Jordanian-Bahraini loan syndicates to finance any larger requirements of Jordanian institutions. The typical joint syndication,

he thought, would be a Bahraini dinar-denominated loan provided by banks from Jordan and Bahrain. He does not plan to allow Jordanian banks to lend Jordanian dinar-denominated loans to non-Jordanian borrowers. "We will only allow Jordanian banks to lend outside the country by using their foreign exchange, and not by lending JD's," Dr. Nabulsi said.

The country's most experienced and senior commercial banker, Arab Bank Chairman and General Manager Abdul Majid Shoman said in a separate interview he expects to see a broader base of financial institutions, such as insurance companies, participating in local syndications, in view of his anticipation of rising local interest rates and dropping dollar rates abroad.

"We have to follow the international markets or risk losing deposits to foreign banks outside Jordan," he said.

Merchant banking activity makes up ten per cent of the Arab Bank's total income, and is rising steadily. The Arab Bank, long Jordan's biggest commercial bank, has moved quickly into the local merchant banking field, leading several of the new syndications. It is also planning to take advantage of another Central Bank of Jordan decision allowing commercial banks to underwrite and market corporate bonds—a function heretofore reserved for the country's three investment banks.

The new regulations, according to Dr. Nabulsi, are based on a formula that allows commercial and investment banks to provide a financing "package" that typically includes a syndicated loan and a bond issue. The commercial bank leads the entire package and the syndication, while an investment bank leads the bond issue. This

arrangement may also eventually promote the development of a secondary market for bonds, to parallel the Amman stock exchange's booming activity in company shares.

This kind of loan-bond package has been arranged for Alia's JD 18 million refinancing needs and also for the Jordan Cement Factories Company Ltd.'s JD 12-15 million loan requirement to finance its sixth kiln expansion project.

A similar package to meet the anticipated refinancing needs of the country's sole petroleum refinery will probably be discussed in the market soon, given the \$40-50 million required to prepay the refinery's outstanding Eurocredits.

The new regulation allowing commercial banks to handle bond issues, Dr. Nabulsi said, was approved because "we discovered that the commercial banks could provide the extra strength required by the investment banks." To safeguard the investment banks' natural territory, however, commercial banks will not be allowed to underwrite or market bond issues completely on their own; they will have to do so jointly with investment banks or investment companies in Jordan.

The original Central Bank rule that prevented commercial banks from underwriting bond issues was based on three premises: a) that underwriting and selling bonds could draw funds away from the commercial banks' deposits; b) that investment companies and banks were better able to develop a secondary market in bonds; and c) that the new Jordanian investment banks and companies needed some protection to get off the ground.

The feeling in the banking sector now is

that since the banks themselves have turned out to be large institutional buyers of bonds in any case, it would not hurt their business if they were involved in underwriting and selling bonds to their clients. The investment companies and banks have not been successful in creating a secondary market for bonds; and they have registered healthy profits during the past two years, and therefore the climate is right to allow commercial banks to enter into the bonds business, banking sources say.

The net result of the events of the past several months has been to virtually eliminate the need for Jordanian industries to look abroad for their commercial market capital requirements.

Not only is the lower interest rate in Amman in itself a savings, but the dinar-denominated loans also preclude a foreign exchange risk. The Central Bank's willingness to rediscount 50 per cent of a commercial bank's share of syndicated loans also provides the banks with a safety valve that they have lacked in the past, and one that they need to increase their medium-term lending in view of the small capitalisation of most banks operating in Jordan.

Some Jordanian bankers argue that the example being established here could perhaps apply to other developing countries that also suffer from high Euromarket lending rates. A cooperative approach to capital market formation among commercial, investment and central banks in the Third World is, in fact, at the heart of the recent developments in the Jordanian market. Time will tell whether other developing countries can apply the same formula that seems to be working in Jordan.

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Do you have any kind of event to announce to the Jordan Times' readers? The What's Going On listing is always open to receive entries, preferably written ones, in English or Arabic... free of charge.

Entries should be received at the Jordan Times office, by hand or by mail, at least 24 hours before the scheduled event.

Let us know!

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions

- The Alia Art Gallery presents the Contemporary Masters Exhibition.
- Painting exhibition by Yasser Duwaik, at the Jordan Artists' Association centre in Jabal Luweibdeh.
- Paintings by Yusef Hussein in the lobby of the Jordan International Hotel.

Film

- The American Centre presents a 30-minute documentary, "Women in Art: Georgia O'Keefe", at 4:00 p.m.

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NATIONAL

Moroccan envoy delivers King's invitation to summit

AMMAN, Nov. 15 (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, received at the royal court this evening Mr. Ahmad Rida Kadirah, the envoy of King Hassan II of Morocco. Mr. Kadirah delivered to Prince Hassan a message to His Majesty King Hussein from King Hassan, which includes an invitation to the King to attend the 12th Arab summit conference, which will be held in the city of Fez.

The meeting was attended by Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid and Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem.

Mr. Kadirah arrived in Amman this afternoon to deliver the message, after having visited Saudi Arabia and Kuwait to deliver similar messages to their leaders.

Mr. Kadirah was met at Amman Airport by Prince Ra'd and the Moroccan charge d'affaires in Amman.



Minister of Communications Mohammad Addoub Al Zaben (left) and Mr. Takihiro Minamisaka sign the agreement for Amman area telephone expansion Sunday (Petra photo)

Japanese firm to provide 23,000 telephone lines

AMMAN, Nov. 14 (J.T.) — The Amman area telephone network will be expanded by 23,000 lines under a JD 1.5 million agreement signed here today.

Under the agreement between the Ministry of Communications and the Nisho-Iwai Trading Company of Japan, the Japanese telecommunications firm Fujitsu will provide equipment to expand three electronic telephone exchanges. The Abdali exchange will grow from a capacity of 10,000 lines to one of 20,000; the Wadi Seer exchange, which now has 6,000 lines, will get 5,000 more, and the Marka exchange will be expanded from 4,000 to 8,000 lines.

Director General of Telecommunications Mohammad Shabeh Ismail told the Jordan Times the expansion was the first of several telecommunications projects to be financed by a Japanese government loan to Jordan.

The agreement was signed by Minister of Communications Mohammad Addoub Al Zaben and Mr. Takihiro Minamisaka, a representative of Nisho-Iwai, which handles contracts for Fujitsu outside Japan.

Audit Bureau's report exposes agencies' financial laxity, neglect

AMMAN, Nov. 15 (J.T.) — The government Audit Bureau, in its report for 1980, describes a spreading spirit of "neglect, indifference and carelessness" in spreading public funds and supervising their expenditure. Al Ra'i newspaper reported today.

The report, Al Ra'i said, details several cases in which ministry officials, in dealing with the Audit Bureau, attempted to justify their erroneous measures and questionable practices.

In 1980, according to the report, the bureau sent 827 queries to government ministry, department and establishment officials, as well as municipal officials, on mistakes, violations and unauthorised expenditures. Bureau records show that only 42 per cent of these queries were answered, despite the bureau's follow-up action on the subject, it said.

After finding that 149 government employees involved in financial dealings were working without having provided the bonds required by law, the bureau sent 111 queries concerning such employees to government departments and ministries. The report says that 30 of the workers responded by putting up the bonds, whereas the remaining 81 had not done so by the end of the year.

The report stresses the need to provide material and moral support for the bureau, and to implement recommendations on its modernisation. It also highlights the need to take the bureau's work seriously, as a sensitive and effective government department. It calls for an updating of the 1952 law of the bureau, and points out the need to enact strict measures to oblige government officials to respond to its letters and inquiries.

Saying that the bureau's staff must be better qualified and trained, and that it should hire new experts who could be attracted by better job incentives, the report explains that the bureau should be a full partner in drawing up development plans. The bureau should be given the role of supervising the drafting and implementation of government projects, and should have the authority to report on these projects to the concerned officials and the cabinet, it says.

The Audit Bureau proposes in the report that its constitutional role of overseeing the use of public monies should be extended to cover public establishments and companies in whose capital the government participates.

The report also recommends that the efficiency of all government financial employees be enhanced by establishing an accountancy training institute. At such an institute, it says, not only Audit Bureau employees could be trained; so could all other government employees in positions where there is a need for accountancy skills. The bureau also recommends that scholarships be offered for employees to attend special courses outside Jordan; in order to raise the standard of the bureau's employees.



West Berlin Senator for Internal Affairs Heinrich Lommer (right) and Amman Mayor Isam Ajlouni (centre) meet Sunday, accompanied by West German Ambassador Hermann Munz (Petra photo)

West Berlin senator meets officials

AMMAN, Nov. 14 (J.T.) — West Berlin Senator for Internal Affairs Heinrich Lommer met here today with Amman Mayor Isam Ajlouni and Amman's municipal council, with whom he discussed problems facing the city of Amman, particularly those connected with planning and development and conducting urban region studies.

Agreement was reached at the meeting to hold training courses for municipality technicians, and on a visit by West German specialists to Amman next month to study its public services and urban planning problems. The German team to come here will comprise specialists in nutrition, building, urban development, environmental protection and traffic. The German side will decide on the type and volume of assistance to Jordan, in the light of its study of the city's various problems.

Earlier today, Interior Minister Suleiman Arar conferred with Mr. Lommer, with whom he discussed possible West German assistance to Jordan to modernise the country's civil defence system.

APC chief due in Kuwait

AMMAN, Nov. 15 (J.T.) — Arab Potash Company Chairman and Jordan Maritime Company Chairman Ali Al Khasawneh will leave for Kuwait on Sunday to resume contacts with Arab Maritime Company officials on the possibility of buying some of its ships for the Jordan Maritime Company, the local press reported today.

Mr. Khasawneh was quoted as saying that in view of increasing Jordanian import and export activity, particularly phosphate and potash exports, it has become important for Jordan to own a commercial fleet. He added that Jordan's phosphate exports are expected to reach 7 million tonnes.

Mr. Khasawneh said that he will discuss with Arab Maritime Company officials cooperation and coordination, particularly in the use of Red Sea and Arabian Gulf ports.

Iraqi envoy visits transport firm's HQ

AQABA, Nov. 15 (Petra) — The Iraqi government will continue to support the Iraqi-Jordanian Overland Transport Company to enable it to serve the interests of both countries. Iraqi Ambassador to Jordan Ibrahim Sultan Shuja' said here today.

He was speaking during a visit to the company's headquarters here, during which he inspected the company's installations and looked into its activities. He also inspected the company's fleet of 420 trucks, and voiced his appreciation to Jordanian officials for their continued support of the company.

The ambassador was accompanied on the visit by the company's general manager, Mr. Tariq Al Kafi.

Six-week training course in foreign trade statistics opens at Chamber of Industry

AMMAN, Nov. 15 (Petra) — A six-week training course on foreign trade statistics and export development opened at the Amman Chamber of Industry today. Participants from 13 Arab states are taking part in the course, which is designed to orient them on basic concepts of foreign trade statistics as they are used in regional and international markets and in the exchange of expertise and data among states.

Research and analytical studies into ways of removing obstacles to trade will also be included, according to Director General of Statistics Burhan Shraydeh.

In a speech at the course's opening session, Dr. Shraydeh stressed Jordan's keen interest in developing statistical studies in social and economic affairs. Jordan's development plan for 1981-1985, he said, provides for a general census and a survey of agricultural regions, studies of emigration, family health, prices, industry and other aspects of Jordanian social and economic life.

Also speaking at the session were Mr. Ahmad Abu Al Shamat of the Arab Common Market office and Mr. Sabah Fakhri from the Baghdad-based Arab Institute of Statistics.

The course, attended by 27 participants, is organised by the Department of Statistics and the Council of Arab Economic Unity in cooperation with Arab Institute of Statistics.

Alia rechannels energies for N. American market

By Suzanne Zu'mut-Black
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, Nov. 14 — A two-day North America sales conference of Alia, the Jordanian Airline, beginning in New York on Tuesday, on top of the normal run of business handled each year, will have to tackle ways of implementing two major changes in the airline's 1982 strategy.

Alia will be trying next year to sell twice as much cargo space in America as it is doing now; and it will attempt to penetrate the business travel market as an alternative to the Holy Land tourist market.

As a first step in the new cargo strategy, the configuration on two Boeing 747 aircraft has been changed, and doubled cargo space will be offered as of May 1. Last

month's cargo capacity of 120 tonnes a week has been increased to 175 at the moment, and will reach 245 tonnes by May.

Eight Alia regional sales managers in the U.S. and Canada will confer with Alia Chairman and President Ali Ghandour and North America General Manager Iyad Khalidi at the Roosevelt Hotel in New York, and will draw up a marketing plan to meet the

new sales targets for cargo and seats.

"We offered 1,500 seats a week last winter and reduced the number to 1,350 this season," Alia Vice President for Marketing and Sales Nisar Aryne told the Jordan Times.

"This 15 per cent reduction has resulted from changes in tourist flow to the Holy Land," he said, "but will not affect the summer traffic, which is mainly business, ethnic and students. Almost the same number of seats will be provided in May as were provided last year."

An Israeli decision not to allow tourists crossing the Jordan River into the West Bank to return to the East Bank "has affected half of our tourist traffic" from North America, which in 1980 formed 30 per cent of the whole of North American traffic," Mr. Aryne explained.

He pointed out, however, that the Holy Land traffic is not of great economic importance to the airline, because of the low rate at which these tourist seats are sold. "It's a space filler," he said, "and we do not live on these."

Director General of Tourism Michael Hamarneh explained to the Jordan Times that Holy Land-bound tourists from Canada, the U.S. and Latin America comprised 2.7 per cent of a total of 1,635,614 tourists for 1980. "The percentage would be even lower," he said, "if we were to consider the fact that this group of tourists spends much less time in the country than the average, and naturally benefits tourism less." He added: "It is the West Bank tourism and Alia that suffer most."

Industry minister returns after Yugoslav trade talks

AMMAN, Nov. 15 (Petra) — Minister of Industry and Trade Walid Asfour returned to Amman today at the end of a five-day visit to Yugoslavia during which he headed the Jordanian side at a meeting of the Jordanian-Yugoslav joint committee.

Mr. Asfour said that during the visit, a protocol for trade and economic cooperation was signed between Jordan and Yugoslavia. According to the protocol, Yugoslavia will purchase 300,000 tonnes of Jordanian phosphates next year, he said.

Mr. Asfour added that the protocol also calls for consideration to be given to setting up a Jordanian trade centre in Yugoslavia, and to operating flights between Amman and Belgrade.

Mr. Asfour said that he met with meat and poultry exporters who provide products to the Jordanian ministry of supply, as well as exporters of consumer goods, and that agreement was reached to regulate the shipping of these

goods to Jordan.

Mr. Asfour added that he had discussed economic and trade relations between Jordan and Yugoslavia, and that he reviewed with Yugoslav officials steps taken over the last two years to implement the trade agreement between the two countries.

He said he had also met with the president of the Yugoslav federal council, who praised Jordan's constant efforts to establish a just and durable peace in the Middle East.

Sharif meets scholastic union chief

AMMAN, Nov. 15 (Petra) — The director of the Stockholm-based international federation of institutes for higher studies, Mr. Sami Nelson, conferred here today with Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Kamel Al Sharif.

They explored the idea of holding international seminars to tackle the world's moral crisis, and materialistic tendencies which have affected the young generations.

Mr. Nelson called on world intellectuals to find a way to reconcile technology and spiritual values for the true happiness of man, and to safeguard world peace and fraternity.

The non-governmental federation comprises 30 international institutes.

He added that the airline is now concentrating on getting business rather than tourist traffic. "If it is fewer in number it will be greater in revenue," he said. "One attraction for these clients will be the daily flights we plan, starting at the beginning of May."

In addition to this market, Mr. Hamarneh suggested tapping other North American groups, including the ethnic groups, Muslims and tourists, with special interests, such as divers, archaeologists, historians, desert adventurers and possibly bird-watchers.

As another attraction, Mr. Aryne said that the airline is introducing the Flying Carpet Club, which will provide its members — regular Alia travellers — with certain privileges and special handling, such as a separate check-in counter.

Besides discussing their individual marketing plans, budgets and revenue targets, the North America area managers will also discuss the resumption of services to Houston and Chicago, which were suspended on Nov. 6. "The suspension was not only due to the loss of Holy Land traffic, but also related to ATC (air traffic control) delays in the U.S.A. This was leading to some operational problems," explained the Alia Vice President for Marketing and Sales.

Any problems which, for whatever reason, cannot be solved during this week's conference may have to wait until Dec. 14, when all area managers meet in Amman for Alia's annual sales conference.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

2 birthday cables to King

AMMAN, Nov. 15 (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein today received two cables of congratulations on his birthday, from King Khaled Ibn Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia and President Suharto of Indonesia. The cables wished the King health and happiness, as well as success in leading the Jordanian people towards further progress and prosperity.

Hassan tours Wadi Araba

AMMAN, Nov. 15 (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, today made an inspection tour of the Wadi Araba area, during which he met with the citizens of Garandal and listened to their requests. His Highness requested the concerned authorities to coordinate their efforts to expedite the fulfilment of the various needs of the citizens, and to render them the needed services.

Qasem sees German envoy

AMMAN, Nov. 15 (Petra) — Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem conferred in his office today with West German Ambassador to Jordan Hermann Munz. They discussed further promoting Jordanian-West German relations.

Unclassified hotels reassessed

AMMAN, Nov. 15 (Petra) — The Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities will reconsider the rates of unclassified hotels in the country, according to Director General of Tourism Michael Hamarneh. He told a meeting of these hotels' proprietors today that their hotels have the right to join the Jordan Hotels Association. At the meeting, agreement was reached to set up a joint committee from the ministry and unclassified hotel proprietors to re-examine issues that impede the effectiveness of these hotels and their services.

South Koreans meet businessmen

AMMAN, Nov. 15 (Petra) — A visiting South Korean trade delegation conferred today with a group of Jordanian businessmen at the Amman Chamber of Industry. The two sides reviewed the industrial situation in Jordan, and plans for future expansion. They also explored the possibility of launching joint ventures, with the purpose of further boosting the exchange of trade between South Korea and Jordan.

Special ed. confab in Spain

AMMAN, Nov. 15 (J.T.) — Fawzi Da'oud, director of the special education centre at the University of Jordan, will participate in an international conference which will begin in Spain on Dec. 2 to discuss educational strategies. Al Ra'i newspaper reported today. The participants in the five-day meeting will discuss the situation of the disabled around the world, the present and future situation of services rendered these people, safety measures and national policies on special education. At the conference, Dr. Da'oud will read a paper on special education in Jordan.

15,000 trees ready for planting

JERASH, Nov. 15 (Petra) — The groundwork has been completed for an afforestation project in Jerash District and areas near the King Talal Dam, the villages of Kfeir, Jaya, Marsa' and Mastaba, according to the agriculture department here. It said that nearly 5,000 dunums will be planted with 15,000 forest trees in the current season.

Community leadership course opens

MADABA, Nov. 15 (Petra) — The Dhiban community centre today opened an eight-day course on developing the skills and administrative capabilities of local leadership. A total of 35 people are taking part in the course, which is designed to promote local communities and create suitable leaders and school administrators. Teachers from the University of Jordan and a number of government departments are lecturing.

Refugees to learn librarianship

AMMAN, Nov. 15 (Petra) — The Jordanian library Association (JLA) will open a four-month training course in librarianship for students of United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) schools in Jordan. Participants in the course, to start in the coming week, will hear lectures on indexing, classification and bibliography. After this basic course the participants will receive a diploma certified by the Ministry of Education.

Duwaik exhibition opens

AMMAN, Nov. 15 (J.T.) — The fifth painting exhibition of artist Yasser Duwaik was opened this afternoon at the premises of the Jordanian Artists' Association. The exhibition, which was opened by the Director General of Culture and Arts Haider Mahmoud, contains 65 paintings reflecting a realistic picture of Jordan's heritage, folklore, and environment. The exhibit is organised by the Ministry of Culture and Youth.

3-month term for bribery

AMMAN, Nov. 15 (Petra) — A Jordanian citizen, Abdullah Al Dardasawi, has been sentenced by the military court to three months in prison and the payment of JD 10 for offering a bribe to a public official. The military governor today endorsed the sentence.

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A Jordanian-Palestinian economic union

By T.A. Jaber

I have read with great interest and involvement His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan's recent book, *Palestinian Self-determination*. The book focuses, with a historical perspective, on the central issue of the Palestinians—a people whose number exceeds that of the Israelis but who, nevertheless, have been prevented by the Israeli occupation from exercising their human rights to self-determination.

I am not going to attempt in this article to review the book, for it has been already reviewed by other writers in the *Jordan Times*. My purpose is to bring up some economic issues that will face a Palestinian state once it is established in the West Bank and Gaza.

Most of the discussions and writings have so far rightly centered on the political future of these areas while talk about their economies has been either postponed or left behind.

The last sentence in the Crown Prince's book left me with a lot to think about. It says: "If, at the end of the day, the Palestinians propose to act jointly or in association with the Jordanians in their search for peace—so be it." It induced me to think of future economic relations between Jordan and a Palestinian state, leaving for the time being the thorny political issues.

However, I do not abstract entirely from political developments in the region. My economic ideas are based on a political premise, namely that for a lasting settlement of the Palestinian problem to be reached the Palestinians should be given their inalienable right of self-determination and should regain all other rights which have been confirmed in the resolutions of the United Nations.

Assuming that the Palestinians managed to exercise their right of self-determination and opted to establish their own state, the question that will have to be answered is: What would be the mutually beneficial economic relation between that state and Jordan?

Like any other independent one a Palestinian state will have its unquestionable sovereignty over its land and resources and will formulate its own economic and other policies. Many economic issues will arise and their solution will require open-mindedness and foresight.

Some of the likely economic issues: How to disengage from the colonial pattern of economic integration enforced by the Israeli occupation; how to address the impact of Israeli manipulations in various areas; what is the economic philosophy to be adopted; how to settle the 1948 refugees and the inflow of other Palestinians wishing to return; and what would be the structure of the economy.

Each of these questions requires elaborate study and discussion. I shall take up here the question of the economic relationships between a Palestinian state and Jordan. In this context, it is my belief that it would be mentally beneficial to establish an economic union between Jordan and the Palestinian state. Such union would involve, according to the theory of economic integration, the free movement of labour and capital, free trade between the two countries, the establishment of a unified tariff, and the harmonisation of their monetary and other economic policies.

The question that follows and on which readers may want answered is: How would such an economic union be in the interest of the Palestinian state?

First, Jordan and Palestine always had arrangements for economic integration, varying in their degree from one time to another. Until early this century, both were parts of the Ottoman Empire and thus were under a complete economic integration scheme. The British mandate differentiated in its treatment between Pal-

estine and Transjordan. Nevertheless, an economic union existed between the two countries and even one currency, the Palestinian pound, was legal tender in both. In 1950, Jordan and the West Bank joined in our state, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, with full-fledged economic unity.

With the occupation of the West Bank by Israel in 1967, the Israeli authorities adopted measures to integrate forcibly the West Bank into the Israeli machinery. Israel controlled and regulated all economic relations of the West Bank with the rest of the world, including Jordan. It opted for its own reasons to follow the open-bridges policy, to permit the use of Jordan's currency and to enforce selected Jordanian laws which were in force prior to the 1967 occupation.

The continued movement of labour and capital between Jordan and Palestine had widespread effects on both countries. It would not be advisable to have this historical relationship disrupted when the Palestinians exercised their self-determination.

Second, Jordan is the only land connection to the Gulf and other west Asian countries for a Palestinian state. All transit trade, and road and air links, should cross through Jordan. Accordingly, the res-

ulting policies and procedures would have to be coordinated and harmonised with Jordan if the flow of goods, persons and capital were to proceed smoothly.

Third, under an economic union, both countries would benefit from the larger size of the market. It is an accepted fact that enlarging the market helps to enhance development through external and scale economies and other dynamic effects.

The economic size of a Palestinian state would be small and its expansion under an economic union with Jordan would provide considerable potential for development. [This has been realised since 1944 by the Benelux countries, and even the larger countries of Western Europe have joined together in the European Economic Community (EEC) since 1957.]

Finally, Jordan has gained considerable experience in developing the country and establishing a network of institutions. It would serve as a good example to learn from. Relevance of such institutions and policies to a Palestinian state cannot be doubted. An economic union would be a short cut for the harmonisation of policies between Jordan and a Palestinian state.

UNRWA, which administers aid programmes to the Palestinian refugees is facing acute financial problems. Unless it can come up with \$80 million, it will have to close down its 635 schools in the Middle East. O.C. Doelling reports

Whose fault is it?

UNITED NATIONS — The United States is urging Arab nations to do much more to support what it considers a worthy Palestinian cause threatened by bankruptcy.

Unless the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian refugees (UNRWA) can come up with an additional \$80 million, it will have to begin closing down its 635 schools in the Middle East by early next year, says Olof Rydbeck, UNRWA's commissioner general.

If the school system folds, Rydbeck warns, the entire refugee relief programme will collapse with it and this "would have disastrous consequences for stability in the area."

Zehdi Labib Terzi, U.N. observer of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, agrees, saying, "what would you do with 30,000 students on the street? That would mean 300,000 rocks to be thrown."

The agency-run schools are in Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and the Israeli-occupied West Bank of the Jordan and the Gaza Strip. In addition to schooling more than 321,000 pupils through the ninth grade and providing vocational training to 3,600 youngsters, UNRWA employs a staff of 17,000, including 10,000 teachers, most of whom are Palestinians.

The school programme already has been cut to the bone, Rydbeck says and most of the overcrowded schools are on double session. The Arabs have contributed only grudgingly to UNRWA, maintaining that the main costs should be borne by those who helped found Israel.

Any money the Arabs contribute to UNRWA, Terzi told a reporter, "is beyond the call of duty because they did not create the problem" of the Palestinian refugees.

Although the Russians joined the West in supporting the creation of Israel in 1948, they have rejected responsibility for the refugee problem and refuse to help finance UNRWA, which is dependent on voluntary contributions.

Since the agency was founded in 1949, the United States has contributed nearly \$1.0 billion to UNRWA's programmes, which also include medical care and food aid to the needy. This year, the United States was by far the largest single contributor with \$62 million out of a total of \$182,653,000 donated by more than 70 governments.

The American 1981 contribution exceeds by \$10 million which Saudi Arabia has given since the agency's founding. All Arab states contributed \$16.7 million to UNRWA this year — most of it coming in at the last minute to stave off a previously threatened school shutdown earlier this year.

Saying that the United States hopes to increase its contribution for next year, Charles Lichenstein, an alternate U.S. delegate to the United Nations, has told the General Assembly's special political committee that "other nations also must do more, must assume more of the burden."

"We call on all governments — and especially those in the Middle East with the means to do so — to increase their contributions to UNRWA, to increase them substantially, and to do so now," Lichenstein declared, adding that the agency "cannot continue simply to stumble from crisis to crisis, burdened by ever-increasing needs, ever-increasing costs, ever-increasing deficits."

Hit by inflation and faced with the prospect of declining contributions, UNRWA estimates that its 1982 expenditures will total \$265,574,000 while income from contributions and other sources only reaches \$185,316,000.

After hearing the American appeal, the U.N. committee adopted by a 125-0 vote a resolution calling on all governments "as a matter of urgency to make the most generous efforts possible to meet the anticipated needs" of UNRWA.

Another incident involved some New Zealand mountaineers who, after agreeing to pay several thousand yuan as a "peak fee" for climbing a mountain in China, were suddenly told the sum had been raised because the mountain had not been climbed before and therefore was more "valuable."

The New Zealanders refused to pay, saying an agreement on the fee had been signed, and the Chinese relented.

Last year the price for installing an office telephone was raised to more than 1200 yuan (\$700). Yugoslav journalists mentioned this to Hu Yaobang, then general secretary of the Chinese Communist Party, during a luncheon interview, and he was visibly horrified.

— Associated Press

Two-way process

A GREAT deal of noise is coming out of the Western world about whether or not the peace proposals of Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Fahd do or do not recognise the existence of the state of Israel. The commotion is, in our view, a good example of the biased and imbalanced attitude that the West — and especially the United States — has taken to the Arab-Israeli conflict during recent history. Of course the Arabs recognise the reality and the existence of Israel. It is a fact that we have fought wars against and a reality that our brothers and sisters in the occupied territories have continued to resist for the past 14 years. The Saudi Arabian peace proposals have codified in slightly less vague terms than usual the undeciphering Arab willingness to make an honourable peace with Israel that emerged during the late 1970s — but a peace that is balanced and that is based on dual Palestinian-Israeli rights to statehood.

What surprises us is why the West — and especially the United States — cannot apply its criteria for justice and peace equally to both sides in the Arab-Israeli conflict. Why do we not have such a commotion in the West about Israeli recognition of the Palestinians' right to form a state and live in secure borders free from the military threats of aggressive neighbours? Why, we wonder, does the United States Secretary of State object to Palestinian statehood, but provides the cash that permits Israeli statehood to perpetuate itself in a most artificial manner?

It is wrong for the West to focus only on whether or not the Saudi plan recognises Israel's existence. The more humane approach would be to ask also if the Israelis recognise the Palestinian reality. Peace is a two-way process. The Arabs are trying to say that they are prepared to play their role. The Israelis have not responded in a satisfactory manner. Until they do, peace will remain an elusive cliché.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

King's talk to Canadians

AL RA'Y: At the press conference at the Press Club in Ottawa, His Majesty King Hussein addressed all peace-loving people and all the people trying to establish stability in the Middle East.

King Hussein's talk was clear, candid and honest. This frankness on the part of the King expressed his commitment to the pan-Arab line. Stemming from this, His Majesty the King explained the dangers threatening the region. He explained that these dangers emanate from Israeli intransigence, from the Israeli aggressive practices in the occupied Arab territories and southern Lebanon, from its attack against the Iraqi nuclear reactor, from taking steps to dig a canal between the Mediterranean and the Dead Sea; and from Israel's efforts to impose the policy of polarisation in the region.

King Hussein stressed to the Canadian and world public opinions that the return of Arab Jerusalem to Arab sovereignty is the indispensable basis for establishing real peace in the region. This confirmation is an honest expression of the Jordanian and the Arab stand which rejects any sort of bargaining on the Arabism of Jerusalem.

The King did his best to highlight Arab coordination as an important factor in Arab joint action, particularly when he pointed out that the eight points in the Saudi peace plan will be discussed at the Arab summit conference due to be held in Fez, Morocco, towards the end of November. He also expressed the hope for Egypt's return to the Arab family, explaining that Egypt, still is and will always remain part of the Arab homeland.

The King proved that all international laws and norms support Arab legitimate rights and that the international community is called upon to interpret its belief in these laws and norms in practice because the dangers that ensued from the Israeli practices can no longer be tolerated. When he spoke about the role Canada can play to help establish peace in the Middle East, he meant that it is not the geographic nearness to the Middle East that dictates that responsibility but that it is principles and values that do so.

Highlighting the Israeli threat

AL DUSTOUR: At his press conference in Ottawa, His Majesty King Hussein reiterated Jordan's stand on the volatile situation Israel is trying to ignite in the region. He highlighted the nature of the oppression Israel is trying to establish in the region. His Majesty King Hussein also drew the attention of his listeners to the sort of responsibility Jordan and the Arab states shoulder towards future generations and the very existence of the Arab people.

Leaving no place for doubt in the desire of Jordan and the Arabs to establish just peace, the King brought to everybody's mind the commitment of the international community to the resolutions adopted by the United Nations organisations, particularly at a time when Israel has escalated its aggression and carried it outside the occupied territories to reach Lebanon and Iraq in addition to its plans to dig a canal between the Mediterranean and the Dead Sea.

The King highlighted these facts when he was in Washington. The United States supported Israel against international unanimity which condemned the Israeli attack against the Iraqi nuclear installations. The King stressed to the U.S. officials that Jordan will do its best and will resort to various means in order to fulfil its duty and commitments and to defend its responsibilities.

By Michael Pretzel
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Scarcely a year after his landslide election victory, U.S. President Ronald Reagan suddenly seems to have lost the reins that held his well-disciplined team in the traces.

After a season of masterfully engineered legislative triumphs, the administration is beset by embarrassments of its own making, both in the domestic and foreign arenas.

One by one, four of the men most responsible for what the Reagan administration represents Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig, Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger, Budget Director David Stockman and National Security Adviser Richard V. Allen were embarrassed by their own words or deeds.

The week-old troubles of Haig and Weinberger were overshadowed by Stockman's tumbled — but rejected — resignation and Allen's still-mysterious acceptance of an envelope containing \$1,000 apparently meant for the first lady.

Each new case appeared more serious than the last. Within two weeks, the problems have escalated from nettlesome infighting about policy disputes to a criminal investigation of the president's national security adviser.

Perhaps it began with Reagan himself. The president, in extemporaneous comments to a group of editors, startled Europeans by saying he could en-

vision a limited nuclear war confined to the continent.

Then, a long-simmering uneasiness between Reagan's White House staff and his secretary of state boiled over when Haig complained publicly that someone in the White House was conducting a guerrilla campaign against him.

Although Haig didn't name anyone — and the White House insisted no guerrillas were being sought — a prime candidate appeared to be Allen, Reagan's national security adviser who som-

Haig claimed that somebody in the White House was conducting a guerrilla campaign against him. The prime candidate turned out to be Richard Allen.

times competed with Haig for the president's ear.

Ten days ago Reagan called Haig and Allen together and told them to halt the bureaucratic backbiting that was reportedly interfering with the conduct of U.S. foreign policy.

White House spokesmen had just announced that Reagan considered that matter closed when Haig, a former NATO commander, reopened the limited-war fracas by telling a congressional

Chinese are reported to go too far in quest for foreigner's money

Grumbling over financial 'discrimination' in Peking

By Jonathan Sharp
Reuters

PEKING — "We have friends all over the world," boasts a large red and yellow sign in the lobby of Peking's best hotel.

Possibly. But China is in danger of losing many friends in the resident foreign community here, principally because of the fast-rising cost of living and working here.

Foreigners live in a sort of financial apartheid. They use separate currency, called foreign exchange certificates, and generally pay far higher prices for goods and services than the Chinese do.

Air fares, for example, and meals in certain restaurants are two to three times as much as for Chinese. Foreigners can only buy carpets in central shops where the prices are several times higher than for Chinese.

Rents, telephone and telex charges are elevated to very high levels. Some businessmen arrange with their head of offices outside the country to initiate all telex calls, because the costs are so high for calls made from China.

Many of the costs are in the form of indirect taxation. An interpreter may cost 600 yuan (\$400) a month, but the interpre-

ter receives only a fraction of this as his salary, and the rest goes to the government.

The Chinese have several explanations for this, one of them being that Chinese officials abroad have to pay high prices, particularly in the West.

They also say that some services, such as food and transport, are subsidised by the state and that foreigners, since many of them do not contribute to state revenues, are not entitled to such subsidies.

But after a recent round of price increases, foreigners are beginning to complain that things are getting out of hand and that while everyone acknowledges the Chinese need foreign exchange, they are becoming too greedy.

The latest causes for grumbling in the guarded compounds where foreign diplomats, businessmen and journalists have to live are huge rent increases.

A typical example: the rent for a spacious, five-roomed apartment in the northeast suburbs has been hoisted from 10,000 yuan (\$6,000) a year to just over 30,000 yuan (\$18,000).

The last increase for the same apartment was a 60 per cent rise in 1975.

The average Chinese worker earns 60 yuan a month, so it would take him nearly 42 years' salary to pay a year's rent for that apart-

ment.

Chinese see that argument as irrelevant, pointing to the high rents in, for example, New York and Paris. The counter-argument that Peking can in no way match New York and Paris in all kinds of facilities falls on deaf ears.

Chinese housing authorities have sweetened the pill slightly by including some utilities in the new rent which hitherto were paid separately.

Even so, by the Chinese's own calculations, the increase is about 160 per cent.

A Third World ambassador, who says the increases are particularly unreasonable for an economically hard-pressed country like his own, reports that the rents for his staff have risen by an average of 100 per cent.

The figures bear no relation to the Chinese inflation rate, which last year was officially six per cent and unofficially about twice that.

The rent rises drew the predictable howls of protests from foreign residents, even though in almost all cases their rents are paid for by their government or company.

A few people have talked darkly about launching a rent strike, and embassies are busy writing back to their foreign ministries to see if retaliatory measures can be taken against the Chinese

living in their countries.

But the general feeling is that, in the end, the foreigners will pay up.

"The Chinese are charging what they think the market will stand," the Third World ambassador said. "And the trouble is that it is a captive market."

Countries have to have diplomats here, foreign companies need to keep their offices open, news organisations are reluctant to give up their Peking dateline.

"For most of us there is still enough of a love affair with China that we will just grin and bear it," the ambassador said.

The 100-strong corps of resident foreign correspondents are not inclined to grin at the moment because they have been called upon this month to start paying Chinese income tax.

According to the tax laws, they are to be taxed not just on the amount remitted to them in China, but on their worldwide income, including investments and savings accounts back at home which they thought might have been safe.

Moreover the Chinese are demanding back tax from the day the tax law was promulgated — September 10, 1980.

Even correspondents who were in China when the law was introduced but have since left are supposed to pay back tax, or so the

law states.

Another new burden this year: import taxes totalling 45 per cent of new cars.

The Chinese do occasionally admit that they go too far in their quest for foreigners' money.

Customs officials recently told an American journalist he would have to pay 150 per cent duty on a suitcase containing his daughter's old clothes.

The officials backed down, but only after the journalist had, in his own words, "raised hell for three weeks."

Another incident involved some New Zealand mountaineers who, after agreeing to pay several thousand yuan as a "peak fee" for climbing a mountain in China, were suddenly told the sum had been raised because the mountain had not been climbed before and therefore was more "valuable."

The New Zealanders refused to pay, saying an agreement on the fee had been signed, and the Chinese relented.

Last year the price for installing an office telephone was raised to more than 1200 yuan (\$700). Yugoslav journalists mentioned this to Hu Yaobang, then general secretary of the Chinese Communist Party, during a luncheon interview, and he was visibly horrified.

ECONOMY

Libya accuses Exxon of breaching contract

BEIRUT, Nov. 15 (R) — Libya yesterday accused the American oil giant Exxon of breaching contract and Libyan law by relinquishing its concessions in Libya, but its national oil company said the dispute might be resolved through negotiations.

"Despite the divergence of views between the national oil corporation and the two companies on the legal standing of their behaviour, resolving the difference between the two sides through negotiations is not discounted," its statement said.

The oil corporation said it did not recognise the conduct of the two companies and reserved the right "to take whatever measures it deemed appropriate to reserve its rights."

The oil secretariat also said in its statement: "The secretariat has reserved and continues to reserve all its rights under the law."

Exxon has given no reason for its move, and the Libyan statements shed no further light on it.

Some oil industry analysts said yesterday it could be purely for economic reasons, because the price of Libya's oil was considered too high.

But political relations between the U.S. and Libya have deteriorated sharply, with Washington accusing the Libyan authorities of supporting terrorism.

Libya branded the U.S. a threat to peace after American planes shot down two Libyan aircraft over the Mediterranean in August.

Political motive

Meanwhile, a United Arab Emirates newspaper said today the withdrawal from Libya of the U.S. Exxon oil company, the world's largest, was politically motivated.

The daily Al Bayan said the move coincided with mounting tension in U.S.-Libyan relations and was "a political question despite the fact that the U.S. state department has said that Exxon took the decision itself."

The Exxon withdrawal "poses many questions about the significance of the decision...and one of them relates to the real role of the international oil companies," the newspaper said.

Al Bayan said Exxon's action was unprecedented, grave, and required a "serious stand" by the 13 members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), and in particular Arab oil exporters.

Syria reviews free trade zones

DAMASCUS, Nov. 15 (R) — Syria is reviewing the future of its free trade zones, set up after 1971 to attract foreign capital and build an export-oriented industrial sector, Finance Minister Hamdi Al Saqqa said today.

He told Reuters in an interview that a special study about the zones and their benefit to Syria was being prepared by the ministry of economy and foreign trade following concern about whether they were meeting their original objectives.

The report would be discussed by a top-level committee headed by Abdel Qader Qaddoura, the deputy prime minister for economic affairs, probably early next year, Dr. Saqqa said.

The committee would include the ministers of economy, planning, finance, oil, industry, agriculture and supply.

The zones were developed as part of economic liberalisation measures initiated by President Hafez Al Assad when he took power in 1970, but many economic experts believe they have not brought the benefits originally hoped for by Syria's state-dominated economy.

According to a government statement published today, Prime Minister Abdel Rauf Al Kasbi has asked to vet all new licences for building or expanding industrial plant in the free zones.

Goods manufactured under licence from Western companies in Syria's six operating free zones range from cosmetics and toothpaste to medicines and light industrial products.

But the zones, which cover a total of some seven

square kilometres have failed to attract foreign medium or heavy industry.

Dr. Saqqa said the committee would decide whether to expand or reduce the role of the zones and whether to change existing regulations covering them.

"At the moment we get no tax benefit from them and they are a drain on our skilled labour. The profits are mostly going abroad," he stated.

Economy and Foreign Trade Minister Mohammed Al Atrash has admitted that the performance of the free zones had not lived up to expectations. Instead of spawning export industries they had become distribution centres for consumer goods destined for local markets.

Producing in the zones brings exemption from customs duties, labour and corporate income taxes and many important exchange control regulations.

Dr. Saqqa said that no decision had been made so far on the future role of the zones, but it was clear that they had to be integrated more into the Syrian economy.

Often the zones had been used simply as entrepôts for goods in transit, bringing little real benefit to the economy.

Foreign manufacturers have used the zones to transit products to other Middle East states as well as the Soviet Union, which Syria signed a 20-year friendship and cooperation agreement last year.

The zones are located in Damascus, Damascus International Airport, Adra, Aleppo, Latakia and Tartous.

Another zone is being constructed at Deraa on the Jordan-Syrian border.

Dr. Atrash has said the zones still had an important role to play in Syrian development, but they should not be isolated from the rest of the economy.

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

Gulf states consider joint investment plan

BAHRAIN, Nov. 15 (R) — Saudi Arabia and five other Gulf states are considering a plan to set up a joint investment fund, the Saudi Finance and Economy Minister, Sheikh Mohammed Abal Khail, was quoted today as saying.

He told the Saudi newspaper Okaz the proposed fund would invest in the six countries which created the Gulf Cooperation Council in May. He gave no further details.

The minister said financial coordination between the six, as envisaged under a joint economic agreement signed during a council summit meeting in Riyadh last week, would be a prelude to a Gulf common market.

Major declared goals of the council include economic and financial integration between the members — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Oman — and maintaining security and stability in the oil-producing region.

Finance ministers to discuss Arab Development Decade

KUWAIT, Nov. 15 (A.P.) — Five Arab finance ministers are to meet here on Thursday to lay down the framework for the Arab Development Decade, a project decreed by the summit conference in Amman last November, a finance ministry spokesman said today.

The ministers will come from Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates to discuss procedural rules and ground works for the project, to be administered by the Arab Fund for Economic Development, said the spokesman.

The ministers, he said, also were to examine rules for oil-rich Arab states /to help have-not countries in the Arab World.

The decade development fund, which is to finance the projects that have yet to be blueprinted, has a budget of five billion dollars. No further details were available.

Kuwait bank rates drop

KUWAIT, Nov. 15 (A.P.) — Local interbank short-term interest rates continued their slide over the past week, partly affected by the ease in U.S. dollar and lower Euro-deposit rates, according to the Sunday issue of the Kuwait Commercial Bank.

Day-to-day and week money dropped to 1.5 and 5.5 per cent respectively, compared with nine and 10 per cent two weeks ago, it said.

The bank attributed the continued ease in the interest rates also to the inflow of funds in local markets as a result of the real estate expropriation payments.

The fixed rates also drifted downward, particularly those of one-month periods, the report added.

Energy plan for S. America approved

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic, Nov. 15 (A.P.) — Energy ministers from the Caribbean and Latin America approved a cooperative programme yesterday to help developing nations pay their energy bills and promote the search for new sources.

The programme was approved by 23 of the 25 ministers attending with Chile opposed and Peru abstaining.

"There can be no doubt that an intense international cooperation will be mutually beneficial, as much for the developed countries as for those on the road to development in our hemisphere," the introduction to the programme outline said.

The complicated programme was drafted by representatives from Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guyana, Mexico and Venezuela.

Bleak prospects for U.S. recession

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15 (R) — The latest government indicators have provided fresh evidence for the growing number of private forecasters who think the present U.S. recession may not be as short and mild as the White House had hoped.

The government reported Friday that factory production fell 1.5 per cent last month. On Thursday it announced retail sales were also down 1.5 per cent in October.

Just a few months ago the Reagan administration was saying the economy could avoid a recession this year following the downturn of 1980.

But this week the president himself conceded the current decline may linger until next summer.

However the White House has still been holding to its forecast of a relatively mild recession with recovery coming next year.

Some private analysts are more pessimistic.

They say a probable increase in the jobless rate to nearly nine per cent from the present eight will further deflate business and consumer spending plans and may push recovery back until 1983.

"This recession is going to be at least as severe as the average post-war recession," Washington-based economist Joel Popkin told Reuters. He thinks unemployment could reach nine per cent by the autumn of next year.

Other experts caution that excessive monetary restraint by the central bank, the Federal Reserve Board, which is widely considered to have choked off growth this year, could lengthen the downturn.

Edward Yardeni of the brokerage firm E.F. Hutton says the economy is more vulnerable to tight monetary policies than generally believed.

Still, most economists say consumer behaviour poses a greater threat. Consumers tend to reduce

spending and instead to pay off their debts when they sense economic trouble.

This pattern has been evident in recent months and a further dip in consumer spending is the big risk facing the economy, according to economist Lawrence Chimerine of the consulting firm Chase Econometrics.

Economists generally see no evidence of an imminent rise in consumer spending that could spur a business recovery.

The tax cut set for next July 1 will help consumers pay off debts, economist Michael Evans said. "But I am not sure how much spending will result," he added.

Tax-free investment opportunities provided by last summer's tax bill seem certain to encourage saving but this may tie up funds consumers would otherwise have available for spending.

The surge in bank accounts resulting from the Republican admin-

istration's legislation should enable banks to increase loans for business expansion, and the administration counts on the availability of funds and tax breaks for business to spur an investment boom.

Economists are not so certain about this, however. Manufacturers are now producing at less than peak levels to reduce an excess of goods on hand and it is not clear why they would need to expand, some economists say.

"Business spending plans for 1982 will be a major casualty of the recession," according to Otto Eckstein, who was an economic adviser to the late Democratic President Lyndon Johnson. Mr. Eckstein says no investment surge is likely until 1983.

Another concern is the prospect of widespread business failures. Already, major car, airline and financial services corporations are experiencing well publicised difficulties.

CBS: U.N. mishandled Ugandan aid operation

NEW YORK, Nov. 15 (R) — Bureaucratic bungling and lack of foresight by the United Nations cost many lives in northern Uganda's famine last year, CBS Television said today.

An estimated 30,000 Ugandans died from hunger or disease in a few months, including half of the two-year-olds in the region.

A CBS news programme criticised the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF), the High Commissioner for Refugees, the Food and Agriculture Organisation and the Disaster Relief Office.

A senior U.N. official was said to have dismissed the problem by observing that the people of the affected area, Karamoja, were "naturally thin."

"Hopeless, awful, awful" was a description of the U.N. aid operation given by one man interviewed for the programme.

Kevin O'Dougherty of the Save the Children Fund, which alerted the U.N. to the crisis, said officials

replied that "we were alarmists and exaggerating the situation."

Mr. O'Dougherty said the bureaucracy "got fouled up at every possible angle" and it took several attempts to get UNICEF to send someone to investigate the situation.

CBS commentator Ed Bradley said the office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, which recently won the Nobel peace prize, was "like all organisations in Uganda" — underprepared and overbureaucratic.

"And it really didn't want to deal with the problem in Karamoja," Mr. Bradley said.

He said the agency could not manage its fleet of relief trucks and hired the Church of Uganda to do it. Of 48 available vehicles only 18 could be put on the road, he said.

Another letdown, Mr. Bradley said, was over seeds needed for spring planting.

JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE

JORDAN TELEVISION

CHANNEL 3

5:30 Koran
5:45 Cartoon
6:00 Children's Programme
6:30 Lobo
7:20 Local Programme
7:30 Local Programme
8:00 News in Arabic
9:30 Arabic Series
10:20 Interview with a local Artist
11:10 News in Arabic

CHANNEL 6

6:00 French Programme
7:00 News in French
7:15 Varieties
7:30 News in Hebrew
8:00 News in Arabic
8:30 Comedy
10:10 Lady Killer
10:15 News in English
10:15 Magnum
11:10 News in Arabic

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04:45 Notes from an Observer
04:50 Paperback Choice
04:55 Reflections 05:00 World News
24 Hours: News Summary
05:30 Peebles' Choice 05:45 Six Irish Writers 06:00 Newsdesk 06:30 The Big Band Magic 07:00 World News: 24 Hours: News Summary
07:30 Country Style 07:45 Classic Short Stories 08:00 World News: Reflections 08:15 Before the Rock Sets in... 08:30 The Rewards of Music 09:00 World News: British Press Review 09:15 Notes from an Observer 09:20 Goods Books
09:25 Interlude 09:40 Look Ahead 09:45 Three Centuries of Italian Opera 10:15 Britain's Daily News: 11:00 World News: News About Britain 11:15 Guitar Workshop 11:30 Musical Yearbook 12:00 Radio Newzeel 12:15 Take it or leave it 12:45 Sports Round-up 13:00 World News: 24 Hours News Summary 13:30 Country Style 13:45 Time Remembered 14:15 Leave it to Pamih 14:30 Rock Salad 15:00 Radio Newzeel 15:15 Outlook 16:00 World News: Commentary 16:15 Wuthering Heights 16:45 The World Today 17:00 World News 17:09 Europa 17:25 New Ideas 17:35 Paperback Choice 17:40 Interlude 17:45 Sports Round-up 18:00 World News: News about Britain 18:15 Radio Newzeel 18:30 A Taste of Hunzi, Irish Style 18:30 Outlook: News Summary 18:39 Stock Market Report 19:43 Look Ahead 19:45 Peebles' Choice 20:00 World News: 24 Hours News Summary 20:30 Sports International 21:00 Network U.K. 21:15 Europa 21:30 Rock Salad 22:00 World News 22:09 The World Today 22:25 Book Choice 22:30 Financial News 22:40 Reflections 22:45 Sports Round-up 23:00 World News:

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05:30 The Breakfast Show: 06:30 News, Pop music, features, listener questions 17:00 News Roundup: reports, opinion, analyses, 17:30 Dateline 18:00 Special English: news, feature "The Making of a Nation." 18:30 New Music USA 19:00 News Roundup: reports, opinion, analyses, 19:30 VOA Magazine: Americana, science, culture, letters, 20:00 Special English: news 20:15 Music USA (Jazz) 21:00 VOA World Report 22:00 News, Correspondents' reports, background features, media comments, analyses.

AMMAN AIRPORT

ARRIVALS

8:00 Cairo (EA)
8:45 Cairo
9:55 Aqaba
9:00 Damascus
9:30 Jeddah
9:40 Dhahran
9:45 Kuwait
9:50 Muscat, Dubai
10:00 Doha, Bahrain
10:05 Abu Dhabi
10:10 Beirut
14:25 Moscow (SU)
15:30 Kuwait (KAC)
15:35 Jeddah, Medina (SV)
16:00 Larnaca
16:30 Cairo
16:45 Bangkok
17:00 Athens
17:25 London (BA)
17:45 Benghazi (LN)
18:00 Cairo
18:05 Amsterdam, Beirut (KLM)
18:30 Paris, Damascus (AF)
20:15 Cairo (EA)
20:30 Beirut (MEA)

DEPARTURES:

03:30 Cairo (EA)
06:15 Frankfurt (LH)
06:30 Damascus
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09:25 Beirut (MEA)
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11:30 Cairo
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12:15 Larnaca
13:00 Cairo
13:30 Moscow (SU)
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British Council 36147-8
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Goethe Institute 41993
Soviet Cultural Centre 44203
Spanish Cultural Centre 24649
Turkish Cultural Centre 39777
Hayat Arts Centre 65195
Al Hussein Youth City 67181
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Amman Municipal Library 36111
University of Jordan Library 84335/84366

PRAYER TIMES FOR THURSDAY

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Sunrise 6:06
Dhuhr 11:20
'Asr 2:16
Maghreb 4:35
'Isha 6:00

CHURCHES

Church of the Annunciation (Roman Catholic) Jabal Lw-cibeh 37440
St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Hussein 66428
Church of the Annunciation (Greek Orthodox) Abdali 23541
Anglican Church (Church of the Redeemer) Jabal Amman 23585
Armenian Orthodox Church Ashrafieh 75261
Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafieh 71331

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

Saudi riyal 98.8/98.9
Lebanese pound 72.5/73.2
Syrian pound 58/58.4
Iraqi dinar 682/689
Kuwaiti dinar 1196.9/1200.4
Egyptian pound 385.3/363.3
Qatari riyal 92.5/92.9
UAE dirham 91.6/92.3
Omani rial 973.1/977.2
U.S. dollar 333/335
U.K. sterling 637.7/640.5
W. German mark 150.1/151
Swiss franc 189.2/190.3
Italian lire 28.1/28.3 (for every 100)
French franc 59.5/59.9
Dutch guilder 137.2/138
Swedish crown 61/61.4
Belgian franc 89.5/90
Japanese yen 146.6/147.3 (for every 100)

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7:01 Morning Show
7:31 News Bulletin
7:40 Morning Show
10:00 News Headlines
10:03 Morning Show
10:30 30 minute Theatre
11:00 Sign off
12:00 News Headlines
12:03 Pop Session
13:00 News Summary
13:03 Pop Session
14:00 News Bulletin
14:10 Instrumentals
14:30 30 minute Theatre
15:00 Concert Hour
16:00 News Summary
16:03 Instrumentals
16:30 Old Favourites
17:00 French way of Life
17:30 Pop Session
18:00 News Summary
18:03 Sports Round-up
18:30 Now Music
19:00 News Desk (News bulletin Press Review, News Reports)
19:30 Instrumentals
20:30 Evening Show

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Jordan Electric Power Co. (emergency) 36391-2
Municipal water service (emergency) 37111-3
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Airport information (ALIA) 92205/92206
Jordan Television 73111
Radio Jordan 74111

Firstaid, fire, police 199
Fire headquarters 23090
Cablegram or telegram 18

Telephone:

Information 12
Jordan and Middle East trunk calls 10
Overseas radio and satellite calls 17
Telephone maintenance and repair service 11

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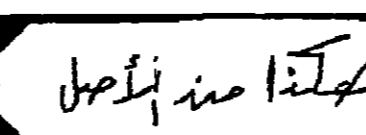
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SPORTS

Federation Cup ends in Tokyo

U.S.' sixth win in a row

TOKYO, Nov. 15 (A.P.) — The American women tennis team won their sixth consecutive Federation Cup title today, beating Britain 3-0 in the best of three matches.

In singles, teenage sensation Andrea Jaeger brushed aside veteran Virginia Wade 6-3, 6-1 and reigning Wimbledon champion Chris Evert Lloyd whipped Sue Barker 6-2, 6-1.

Rosemary Casals and Kathy Jordan took the doubles, the last match of the seven-day tournament, 6-4, 7-5.

The United States has won the world championship for national teams, the women's equivalent of the Davis Cup, 11 times in the cup's 19-year history. The Americans have held the title ever since they defeated Australia 3-0 in 1976.

It was the British team's fourth runner-up finish since 1967. The victory earned the four U.S. players \$50,000 and the British players \$25,000 for finishing second in the 32-nation tournament played on the clay court of the Tamagawa Park Racquet Club in suburban Tokyo.

The Americans moved into the finals by beating eighth-seeded Switzerland 3-0 and fifth-seeded Britain over fourth-seeded Australia with a 2-1 win.

America's chief rival, second-seeded Czechoslovakia, disappointed the daily 4,000 spectators as it went down to defeat to the Soviet Union 2-1 in the second round.

However, Czechoslovakia won the consolation title among the losers of the first and second round matches by beating Brazil 2-0 in the finals.

Later, the two countries agreed not to play the doubles.

Hana Mandlikova beat Patricia Medrado 7-5, 6-3, and Hana Sukova whipped Claudia Monteiro 6-3, 6-1.

The consolation final match winner and loser will be presented with trophies instead of money. The 1982 Federation Cup will be held in Santa Clara, near San Francisco, July 19-25, the International Tennis Federation announced today.

At a press conference held by the victorious U.S. team after the tournament, player-captain Chris

Evert Lloyd said she hoped Andrea Jaeger and herself would play in the singles again in next year's tournament.

"It would be tough to beat us," she said in reply to a reporter's question.

Talking about the strength of the U.S. team, which has dominated Federation Cup history, Kathy Jordan reasoned it probably is due to the fact that many good players are competing fiercely in the United States.

Asked how it would be if the U.S. team played against the rest of the world, Evert Lloyd said, "well, let me put it this way. Four out five world's top players are Americans."

Referring to the final matches against Britain, she said she thought Jaeger would not have much trouble in beating Virginia Wade and that the doubles would be a close match.

Evert Lloyd said they were more worried about Sue Barker who "has been playing much better in last two or three months." She said Barker, who lost 6-2, 6-1 to her, "looked tired and impatient" after a grueling week on the courts.

Hughes' batting places Pakistan in difficulty

PERTH, Nov. 15 (A.P.) — A dazzling century by vice-captain Kim Hughes helped Australia to grind Pakistan into a hopeless position on the third day of the first test at the WACA ground today.

Hughes, 'deposed' by Greg Chappell as captain for this summer, played a remarkably responsible innings to notch his sixth test century—and his first of his home ground.

The 27-year-old Hughes helped Australia to tighten their vice-like grip on the game, and at stumps Australia had reached 382 for six in the second innings.

Rod Marsh was on 35 and Bruce Yardley was on 40. This gives Australia an overall lead of 500 runs with two days play remaining.

Even though Pakistan's hopes are forlorn, Chappell is sure to continue the innings tomorrow morning before making a declaration.

After 15 wickets had crashed during a sensational day yesterday, the Pakistani bowlers struggled to remove only four batsmen in the six hours today.

The pitch is playing very easily—it is more docile than it was on the first two days—and Pakistan are sure to improve considerably on their feeble first

Edwards wins Masters title

GOTEMBA, Japan, Nov. 15 (A.P.) — Danny Edwards of the United States won the \$300,000 Toshiba Taiheyo Masters golf tournament today by firing a two-under-par 70 for a 12-under-par 276.

Edwards, who started today's final round as co-leader with fellow American Lon Hinklen carded four birdies and two bogeys, on the 6,505-metre par-72, Taiheyo Club Gotemba course 90 kilometres southwest of Tokyo.

effort of 62. Hughes, playing his 40th test, dominated proceedings today with his stylish batting.

He reeled off 16 boundaries, mainly with hooks, pulls and cuts, in his innings of 106 that came from 128 deliveries in 271 minutes.

Hughes, who resumed in the morning when his score was three, moved sedately to 42 at lunch.

He was still restrained for the first 40 minutes after lunch before he blossomed out to move 50 to 100 in the space of 54 deliveries.

He went to tea on 105, and the interval seemed to break his momentum.

After scoring only a single in the first 16 minutes after tea he edged a ball from Imran Khan to the solitary slip, Majid Khan.

Hughes held the Australian innings together and was associated in three excellent partnerships—87 with opener Bruce Laird, 70 with Graham Yallop and 75 in only 53 minutes with Allan Border.

Laird, who struggled for long periods early in his innings, gave a gritty display to defy the attack for 298 minutes in scoring 85.

After he reached his half century he played some splendid on drives and looked poised to reach his maiden test hundred.

Chinese celebrate volleyball victory

PEKING, Nov. 15 (R) — Thousands of cheering Chinese youths went wild in central Peking today after China beat the United States in the women's World Cup volleyball championships.

The noisy celebrations began in early afternoon after word came of the Chinese 3-2 victory in a crucial game in the championships in Osaka, Japan.

Eyewitnesses said extra army guards were hastily summoned to the U.S. embassy after an exuberant crowd of young men rode up on bicycles waving red flags and shouting victory slogans.

Benitez retains boxing title

LAS VEGAS, Nov. 15 (R) — Wilfred Benitez retained his World Boxing Council light middleweight title last night on a points decision after a lacklustre contest against fellow Puerto Rican Carlos Santos.

Neither fighter seriously hurt the other and most of the time 26-year-old Santos, the number one contender for the title, danced away from Benitez, who was content to stalk but not punch his opponent.

Santos made it easy for Benitez, 23, who was defending his 154-pound title for the first time since dethroning Britain's Maurice Hope last May. The light-hitting challenger fought only to survive the scheduled 15 rounds and never pressured the champion or took the fight to him.

For his part, Benitez was content merely to pile up points and didn't seem too concerned about ending the bout early.

The only exciting moments came at the end of the 11th round, when Benitez hurt and dazed Santos and at the beginning of the 12th when they fought exchanged a flurry of telling punches.

The three American judges had Benitez ahead by nine points, six points and three points respectively.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN
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Neither vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ J104
♥ QJ30
♦ 97532
♣ AK

WEST **EAST**
♠ 852 ♥ 9763
♥ 9763 ♦ 842
♦ 104 ♣ A18
♣ J654 ♦ 1073

SOUTH
♠ AKQ
♥ AK5
♦ KQ6
♣ Q982

The bidding:
South West North East
2 NT Pass 6 NT Pass
Pass Pass
Opening lead: Three of ♣.

There is a time for everything under the sun, but you have to be careful to pick the right moment. Declarer got a step ahead of himself on this hand and paid dearly.

With 23 points in high cards and a perfectly balanced hand, South had a classic two no trump opening bid. With 11 points and a five-card suit, North felt that six no trump was well within the reach of the combined holding, so he wasted no time in bidding it.

West was reluctant to lead from a weak four-card suit headed by the jack, so he set

tled on a heart as his opening slavo. Declarer won the ten in dummy and immediately led a diamond toward his hand. East played low and the queen won. Declarer crossed back to dummy with a high club and led another diamond.

East found a killing defense. He hopped up with the ace of diamonds while the blocking king of diamonds was still in declarer's hand. Eventually, West took the setting trick with the jack of clubs.

Declarer's error was at the very first trick. The time had not yet come to use dummy's heart entry. Observe the difference if declarer wins the first trick in hand, crosses to the king of clubs and leads a diamond from the table. East must play low and the king wins. Declarer re-enters dummy with the ace of clubs and leads another diamond.

If East holds up the ace again, declarer wins the king and continues a diamond. Now dummy's diamonds are established and declarer still has a heart entry to the table. And it does not help East to win the second diamond with the ace and return a heart to attack dummy's entry. Declarer simply wins the heart in hand with his remaining high heart, cashes the king of diamonds to set up two long cards in dummy, and gets back to the table with a heart to enjoy his diamonds and secure the slam.

Game 16 ends in draw

MERANO, Nov. 15 (A.P.) — Game 16 of the world chess championship ended in a quick draw today, leaving Anatoly Karpov still one victory away from retaining his title.

The game had been adjourned last night on the 41st move, when experts said neither player appeared able to win.

Karpov offered the draw after the 42nd move in the resumed game today, and challenger Viktor Korchnoi accepted.

Karpov had evidently concluded overnight that he didn't have a chance of winning.

It was the ninth draw in the match, and the second in a row. Draws don't affect the standings, where the 30-year-old Soviet champion retained his 5-2 lead.

Korchnoi, a 50-year-old Soviet exile, had narrowly beaten the clock yesterday to stave off defeat. He arrived 2½ minutes late and played very slowly in the middle of the game, leaving himself only 15 minutes to make his last 13 moves.

Each player must make his first 40 moves in 2½ hours or forfeit. Korchnoi made his final six moves in three minutes yesterday.

At the end, each player had a king, queen and five pawns. Karpov had a bishop, and Korchnoi had a knight—pieces judged equal in strength.

Aaron Pryor keeps WBA title

CLEVELAND, Nov. 15 (R) — World Boxing Association light welterweight champion Aaron

Pryor kept his title and undefeated record intact by stopping previously unbeaten Dujuan Johnson in the seventh round of their scheduled 15-round bout here last night.

Referee Jackie Keough halted the fight at 1:49 of the seventh as Pryor had the challenger against the ropes and was pummeling him about the head without reply.

Pryor, 26, and Johnson, 20, both Americans, staged a toe-to-toe battle for the crowd of 3,000 and a national television audience.

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Bulgarian wins world weightlifting
VIENNA, Nov. 15 (R) — Blagoy Blagoyev of Bulgaria and Yurik Varadian of the Soviet Union set world snatch records on the final night of the World Weightlifting Cup competition last night.
Blagoyev beat the former record for the 90 kilos class by half a kilogramme by raising 185.5 kilos. Varadian improved his own 82.5 kilos class record by half a kilogramme with 178.5 kilos.

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FEATURES

Operating theatres: Let the air flow with Ex-Flow

LONDON - In many orthopaedic operating theatres in Britain and other parts of the world, the surgeon and his team have begun to take on a strange spaceman-like appearance.

Unknown to the anaesthetised patient, the consultant will be staring out through the visor of a helmet, while from the back of his neck flexible plastic piping will be carrying away the air he breathes out. Other staff taking part in the operation will be wearing similar gear, together with the traditional

green gowns and rubber boots. Above them, from a square canopy, air is being filtered down in such a way as to create a clean zone three metres square at the heart of the operating area, pushing out any bacteria-laden particles to the sides for extraction.

At work is a system known as Ex-Flow, devised and patented by a north of England machinery company, Howorth Air Engineering, as an answer to the problem of preventing patients from

succumbing to the airborne infections which lurk even in scrupulously clean operating theatres.

The company which started life supplying ventilating equipment to the British textile industry has now sold more than 200 systems - two-thirds to other countries. More than 60 are in the United Kingdom but France, with 45, has

John Charnley, a distinguished orthopaedic surgeon based at the nearby Wrightington Hospital. He was concerned at the unacceptably high nine per cent infection rate in orthopaedic surgery caused by airborne bacteria - very often emanating from the theatre staff themselves - entering open wounds.

There was a danger, Sir John

felt, because the surgeon is dealing with a "clean" part of the body unlike, for example, the stomach, bowel or alimentary canal where bacteria will already be located. The surgeon is also likely to be opening up a long and deep wound and to be working on it for a prolonged period. Moreover, the areas being worked on in bone operations are not rich in

orthopaedic surgery, hospitals have traditionally maintained separate theatres dedicated only to this type of operation. That could cease to be necessary.

Because the theatre is being kept free of bacteria automatically, the amount of time taken up by cleaning between operations can be reduced, too, and more patients can be handled.

Traditionally there has always been more risk of infection at the end of the day after a number of operations have been carried out. Again, because the surgeons themselves are breathing cool, clean air throughout operations, they can carry on longer and also emerge fresher.

Finally, the need to give patients heavy doses of antibiotics to prevent infection is avoided. From the operating theatre staff's point of view a major benefit of the Ex-Flow system is that it is not enclosed - the only curtain being provided by the down-current of air from the ceiling mountings. Various other systems available incorporate a cage, with consequent limitation on the staff's freedom of movement.

Howorth's success in winning export orders for its system has been, at least in part, the result of the leading position which Britain itself holds in orthopaedic surgery. "Wrightington Hospital is visited by doctors from all over the world and when they have seen the system they want it for their own theatres," Mr. Nigel Howorth points out.

To back up sales secured in this way, however, Howorth now has a network of agents expert in selling to the medical profession in markets throughout the world. Among the sales aids at their disposal is a graphic film which demonstrates how the air flows experienced in an operating theatre relying only on normal extraction will very often tend to push bacteria from theatre staff towards the patient.

With the help of Ex-Flow the company is now deriving some 80 per cent of its annual turnover each year in the medical market, for which it has also developed a number of new products. These include a system for removing anaesthetic gases from operating rooms, reducing the inherent risks to staff from prolonged exposure.

At the instigation of the British Medical Research Council, Howorth has also developed a range of fully vented microbiological cabinets, enabling laboratory technicians in hospitals, pharmaceutical complexes and similar establishments to work safely on cultures and samples. These cabinets also have applications in electronics where components now often need to be manufactured in a particle-free environment.

A new addition to the product range is the company's contoured Climator mattress. This relies on sensors to supply air at controlled temperatures, and is expected to be particularly beneficial in the treatment of patients with burns or liable to suffer from body sores.

The mattress is being offered initially to hospitals but could ult-

imately be available to patients at home. Because it will supply heat directly to the patient it will prevent patients from getting cold in bed and will be more economical than full room heating, Howorth claims.

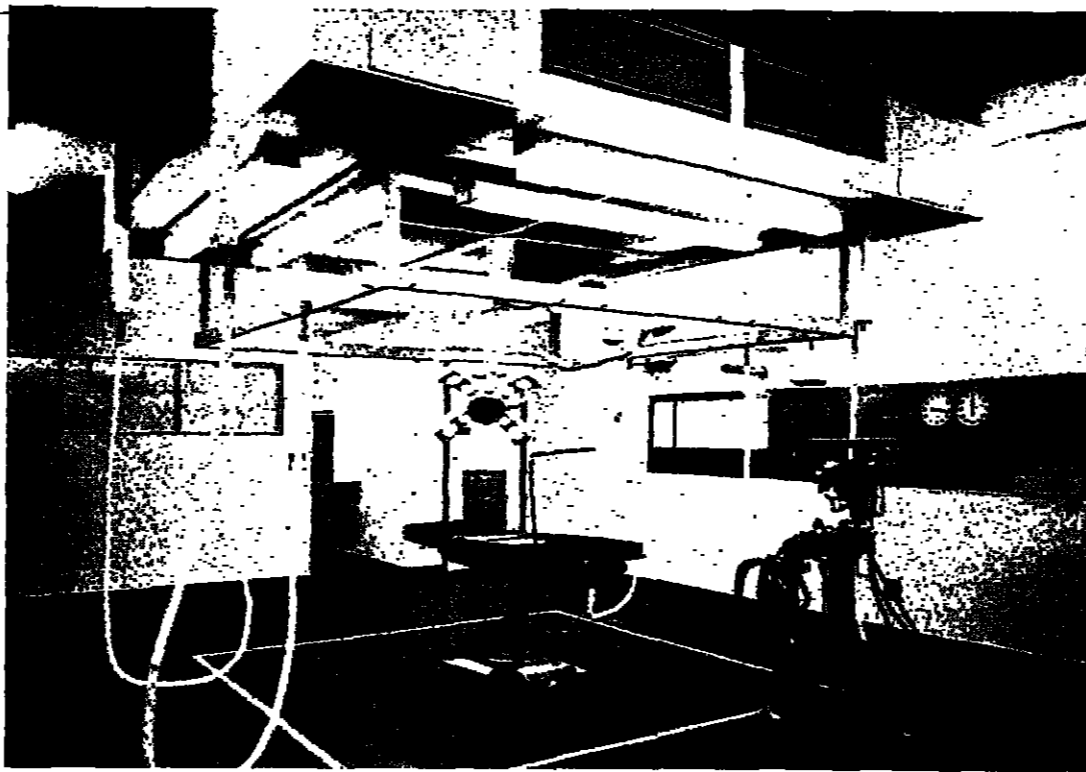
The company's policy, chairman Hugh Howorth emphasises, has been to innovate, to have first class patents, and to aim for specialised products which are technically excellent and meet precisely the demands of a highly specialised market. The company believes these new products will emerge from its own development centre and, just as important, from contact it seeks to maintain with its customers in the medical profession throughout the world.

London Press Service

Columbia crew back home



Astronauts Joe Engle and Richard Truly wave, jubilantly Sunday at Edwards Air Force Base after the safe landing of the space shuttle Columbia. (A.P. wirephoto) Related story on page 8



The Ex-Flow system is designed to prevent airborne infections (LPS Photo)

been another good market for a product which the company claims is different from and superior to any of its rivals.

The United States and Japan have also been good customers for Ex-Flow, and at least one Ex-Flow has found its way into Eastern Europe to an operating theatre in Hungary.

Howorth, a family firm founded by the grandfather of the present chairman, Hugh Howorth, more than 100 years ago, first became involved in medical equipment following an approach by Prof. Sir

believed, that the future of some complicated bone operations, such as hip replacement, could be jeopardised unless the risk of infection was reduced. Fortunately, his microbiologist colleague at the hospital learned of work done by Howorth on creating bacteria-free air systems for the brewing industry and thought the company's approach might also be suitable for operating theatre conditions.

The risk of infection in bone operations is particularly high, explained Nigel Howorth, the company's joint managing director.

blood. Elsewhere in the body the blood stream plays a vital role in carrying infections away.

The venting and body exhaust system developed by Howorth in cooperation with Sir John Charnley has reduced the infection rate to less than one per cent and is being adopted for other types of surgery including thoracic, spinal, neurological and eye operations.

The benefit is principally a reduction in the number of people needing to return for remedial attention as a result of infection following surgery. This means that beds are being released for more new patients and waiting lists can be reduced.

There are other important savings which can again help to cut expensive health service bills. Because of the risk of infection in

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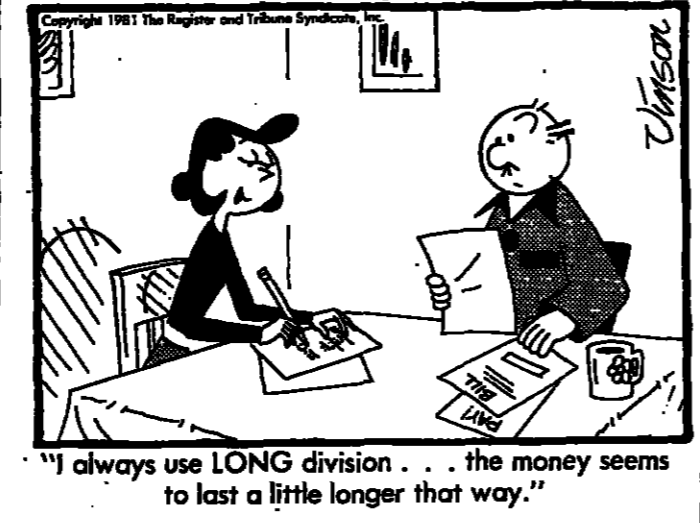
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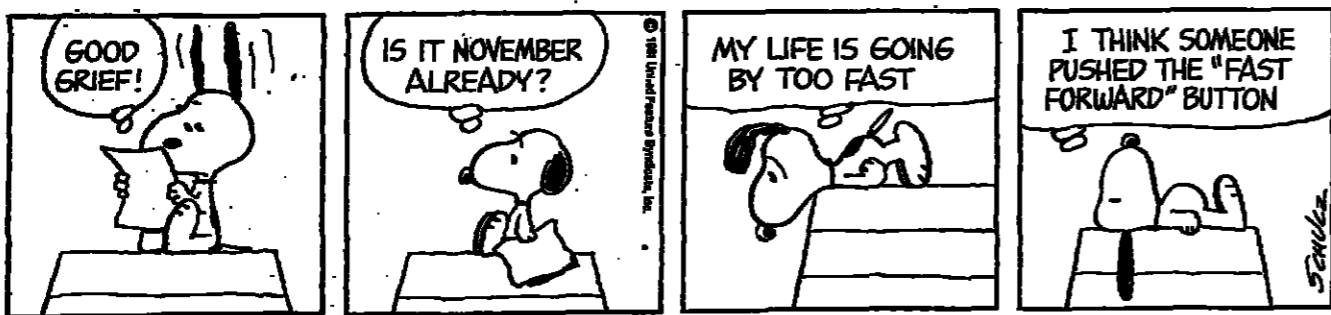
(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: PRUNE RIVET DEMISE HANGER
Answer: Really goes against the farmer's grain - HIS REAPER

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FORECAST FOR MONDAY, NOV. 16, 1981

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: An important day when you would be wise to engage in activities that will bring more abundance in the future. You can easily comprehend a difficult task at this time.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Get together with those who can help you advance in your line of endeavor. A time to take positive action in career activities.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Concentration on financial affairs is wise at this time. Be sure to use good judgment in handling personal affairs.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) A good day to meet with friends and discuss future plans. Show more affection for loved one and get better response.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Make sure you get the advice from an expert which can make your future brighter. One of importance enters your life.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Plan time for amusement in the company of good friends later in the day. A personal aim can easily be attained now.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) A higher-up can now give the support you need in a worthwhile project. Don't take any chances with your reputation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Begin the week properly by studying every phase of a project that is important to you. Go to the right source for the data you need.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Your hunches are good today so make sure you follow them for best results. Come to a better understanding with loved one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Discuss future plans with associates. Improve relations with former foes. Take no chances with a trickster.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You have much work ahead so handle it without delay and reap the benefits. Take time for improving your health.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Get in touch with friends early and plan recreation. Put those fine talents you have to work. Express happiness.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Plan how to bring more happiness to close ties. A good time to study a new outlet which could be profitable in the days ahead.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will find it easier than most to get ahead in the world because of the fine abilities in this nature. Intellect and psychology can be combined in making an interesting life. Be sure to give ethical training.

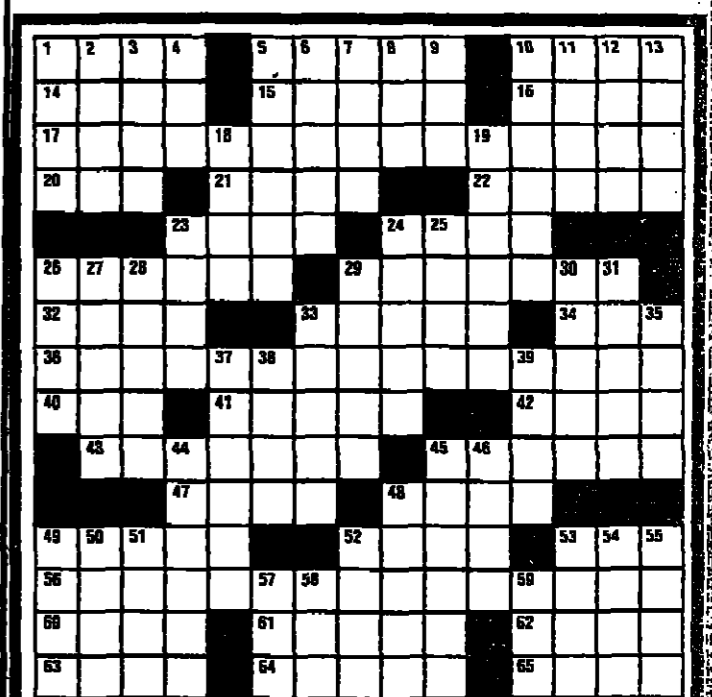
"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

THE Daily Crossword By Margaret V. Juds

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1 Indisposed	32 Concerning	52 Russian sea	25 Kind of hog
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14 Exude	35 Show enthusiastic approval	60 Phoenician city	28 Actor Cary
15 Anchor line	40 Female lobster	61 Scandinavian	29 Iran coins
16 Curved molding	41 Sins	62 -- uncertain terms	30 Fasten with rope
17 Kind of entertainer	42 Balanced	63 Fired	31 Kind of stakes
20 Row	43 Thoroughfare	64 Hits	33 Land points
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24 College club			39 Dickens' villain
26 Gambles			40 Poured
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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

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WORLD

Solidarity calls for union polls

WARSAW, Nov. 15 (R) — Leaders of the Solidarity free trade union in the major industrial region of Silesia have called on their members to start selecting candidates for local government elections, a move that could have profound political repercussions.

The instructions issued by the Silesian branch and published in its information service amounted to a challenge to the existing electoral procedures.

Under these procedures, all candidates for electoral office are chosen by the Communist-controlled National Unity Front.

Poland's Communist leaders now talk of expanding the generally discredited body into a new front of national accord and promise it will not be just another meaningless facade.

How far they are prepared to go in developing power could be determined by their response to the Silesian initiative.

Polls in '82

Local elections are due early next year and will provide the first nationwide balloting since the formation of Solidarity in August 1980.

Solidarity is committed to free local elections and wants to raise the issue when it begins major talks with the government in Warsaw this week.

The Silesian Solidarity resolution called on all local branches to complete a registration of possible candidates for local government bodies by the end of the year.

"The duty of all members of Solidarity is to contribute in a proper way to the holding of the elections, which must ensure that the best citizens are chosen," the resolution said.

The term of office of the present local councils expires on Feb. 5.

1982.

The concept of a broadened National Unity Front, in which Solidarity would possibly join with the Communists, gathered pace after the Nov. 4 meeting of union, party and church leaders.

But there have been some seemingly contradictory statements since then on precisely what the Communist leaders have in mind.

Olszowski rejects
Hardline politburo member

Stefan Olszowski rejected the idea of a coalition government. "The party will never agree to that," he said.

But Deputy Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski, in charge of government-union relations, insisted in a newspaper interview that an expanded front had not been dreamed up as a tactical move to help the Communists survive a period of crisis.

Syrians said to employ the Jackal against Iraq

LONDON, Nov. 15 (A.P.) — Venezuelan-born international terrorist, Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, dubbed Carlos, is "back in action" organising covert operations for the Syrian government against Iraq, the London Sunday Times reported.

In an uncorroborated report, the newspaper said Carlos, sometimes also known as the Jackal, has been seen in Beirut. He vanished, the newspaper said, nearly six years ago after leading a terror squad which kidnapped 11 oil ministers in Vienna during an Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries meeting.

Carlos, now 32, is "considered too old for active operations," the report said.

"But he is running a network of agents 'under the orders of Brig. Gen. Ali Khader, responsible for Syrian secret service forces plotting against Iraq,'" the story by

reporters Christopher Dobson and Ronald Payne said.

The report, which did not make it clear where Carlos is allegedly based, said he travels weekly to Sabriyah, a Kuwaiti town near the Iraqi border, "where he receives reports and passes on new instructions."

The report added that Carlos, "is also thought to be involved in operations to threaten" opponents in exile in Europe of Syrian President Hafez Assad.

The Sunday Times said after the Vienna attack, Carlos organised the Jan. 1976 hijack in Entebbe, Uganda, of an Air France airliner. The 148 passengers, mainly Israelis, were freed by Israeli commandos.

He began working for Syria, according to the report, after falling out with his previous "paymaster," Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qadhafi.

Inter-racial unions in China stalled due to security fears

PEKING, Nov. 15 (A.P.) — China has decided to stall on marriage applications between Chinese and foreigners for the time being because of political problems and because the matches could lead to information leaks, foreign diplomatic and Chinese sources said today.

The sources, who asked not to be named, said couples still could apply for marriage but the authorities have decided not to process the applications — in effect, to deny them.

A directive on this was issued Sept. 8, the sources said. They said it was read at schools, theatres and institutes where Chinese and foreigners might mingle and make romantic attachments.

No figures are available on the number of foreigners who have married Chinese, but dozens are said to have tied the nuptial knot in the last two years. For some it has been relatively simple, for others it has meant numerous bur-

cautious and personal obstacles.

The sources said the official reason for the directive being issued was that through marriage Chinese might leak inside and embarrassing information to foreigners.

The directive was issued just one day before plainclothesmen arrested a 25-year-old woman, Li Shuang, 24, for living with a French diplomat for two months without permission.

Chinese authorities today denied that the two had permission to marry and said there is no reason why Chinese cannot marry foreigners.

Just a few days before the directive was issued, a Mongolian dancer was married to a Canadian diplomat in Peking in another sensational case. The girl had been kidnapped by her own family, who violently opposed the match. China's top leader, Deng Xiaoping, eventually intervened on behalf of the lovers.

Ugandan rebels aim to oust Obote

By Tom Iamsner

NAIROBI, Nov. 15 (R) — Operating in the shadow of major military garrisons, guerrillas fighting the government of Ugandan President Milton Obote have established camps within 16 kilometres of Kampala.

But judging from an 11-day tour of guerrilla camps — the first by a foreign journalist — anti-government operations are hampered by shortage of weapons and ammunition so severe that the rebels have to turn away volunteers.

"We have the people, we have too many people," said a guerrilla leader at a camp code-named Abdul Nasser, deep in the bush 25 kilometres north of the capital. "We have to send some home because we don't have the guns."

The five camps visited during some 160 kilometres of night marches through forests and banana and coffee plantations all bel-

onged to the National Resistance Movement (NRM) of former president Yusefu Lule.

The tour left little doubt that the insurgents were well-organised and well-disciplined, enjoying the support of the people among whom they live.

But although the guerrillas have sufficient food supplies and apparently abundant good will from the populace, their greatest want is for weapons.

Of an estimated 1,000 men now in operational camps around Kampala, only about two thirds are armed, according to guerrillas.

In the absence of substantially greater numbers of weapons, the guerrillas in the forests and farms around Kampala do not appear to pose an immediate threat to the government of Dr. Obote. But the insurgents say they are not in a hurry.

Their aim, they say, is to consolidate their gains and carry out political education to complement

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2 Catholics in Belfast shot following murder

BELFAST, Nov. 15 (R) — A Catholic teenager was shot dead and another seriously injured early today in what Catholic leaders feared was retaliation for the murder to hardline Protestant parliamentarian Robert Bradford.

The Rev. Bradford's death at the hands of Irish Republican Army (IRA) gunmen in Belfast yesterday was seen by politicians and security chiefs as an IRA attempt to provoke civil war in the British province.

Northern Ireland Minister James Prior appealed to the 900,000 Protestants and 600,000 Catholics to remain calm before he returned to the province for urgent talks on security with police chief Jack Hermon.

The 18-year-old who died today was walking home in a Catholic enclave of Protestant east Belfast when he was shot at point blank range by a motorcycle pillion passenger. Police sources said Protestant extremists appeared to be responsible.

In another attack, a 19-year-old youth was shot in the neck in a Catholic area of north Belfast when he opened the door to two gunmen.

Community leaders and relatives of the victims told reporters they believed the attacks were reprisals for Mr. Bradford's killing.

Mr. Bradford, who favoured the return of the death penalty for convicted guerrillas, had planned to tour the United States in January with a fellow Protestant hardliner, the Rev. Ian Paisley, to counter IRA publicity there.

Reagan orders Rickover to quit

NEW YORK, Nov. 15 (R) — There were people who thought it couldn't be done, but Hyman Rickover, the crusty old admiral who fathered America's nuclear fleet, has finally been beached.

His enforced retirement—under protest—at the age of 81 ends the longest naval career in U.S. history and achieves what opponents had tried and failed to do for years.

But it took a direct order from his commander-in-chief, President Reagan, to accomplish it.

The White House was frank in explaining its fear that the elderly admiral might drop dead before a younger man was trained as head of the U.S. Navy's nuclear ship programme.

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Gambia-Senegal merger mooted

BANJUL, Nov. 15 (R) — Gambia and Senegal have united in a confederation called Senegambia under an agreement signed by Gambian President Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara and Senegalese President Abdou Diouf, a joint communiqué said.

President Diouf of Senegal becomes president of Senegambia and President Jawara of Gambia is vice-president of the confederation.

Troops from Senegal, a former French territory about 10 times bigger in both population and land area than Gambia, once a British colony, crushed an attempted coup against Sir Dawda last July.

The two countries agreed they planned to form the Senegambia Confederation, and Sir Dawda toured his tiny country, which is surrounded on land by Senegal, to explain the project.

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Columbia lands perfectly, achieves all major goals

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Nov. 15 (R) — The space shuttle Columbia, after a problem-fraght second trip into orbit, returned to a safe landing yesterday with nearly all its mission accomplished.

The 75-ton spaceship, which had its planned five-day flight cut by more than half through a faulty fuel cell, was the first manned craft to return to Earth for a second time.

After the landing, space programme official Michael Weeks said between 90 and 95 per cent of Columbia's objectives had been accomplished.

Mr. Weeks said it was hoped that Columbia's third flight, scheduled for next March, might be advanced. "We should have a definite time for this in two or three weeks," he said.

The problem of protective heat tiles, which plagued Columbia's first flight in May, had apparently been overcome, Mr. Weeks said. Six of the tiles lost their protective coating on the latest flight, but none were lost.

One of the more spectacular achievements during Columbia's 36 earth orbits was the successful testing of a Canadian-built manipulator arm which will be used to shift cargo and pick up satellites from space when shuttle missions become routine.

The craft came in belly up over the California coastline at San Simeon and fell 15,000 metres in (130 kilometres) — about seven times as fast as an airliner landing — before making a perfect manual landing on a dry lakebed in the Mohave Desert.

After a wait of 45 minutes, the all-clear was given and astronauts Joe Engle and Richard Truly came down a stairway at the shuttle door waving and smiling and acknowledging the cheers of spectators.

Col. Engle, 49, a big-game hunter in his spare time, led Capt. Truly on a walk round the shuttle before they were driven off in a caravan for a medical examination and a reunion with their wives.

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Repo-Sen: How the KGB gets information from Japanese fishermen

By James Foley

NEMURO, Japan — The Soviet KGB intelligence service has recruited dozens of informers, organised in six rings, in this northern Japanese city to provide information on Japan, China and the United States, according to Japanese security officials.

The officials know the names of the informers and their six controllers but are powerless to act because Japan has a post World War II constitution which technically prohibits the creation of war potential, although it has 240,000 men under arms, so there is no law designed to prevent passage of information to other countries.

The chief of police of Nemuro brands the informers as "spies," as they would be considered in many other countries.

Informers for violating minor regulations such as customs laws, but cases are difficult to prove because they say the information is passed to the Russians at sea or in the Soviet Kuril Islands, one of which is visible from the harbour here.

"I have been dealing with the spies for 20 years," said Superintendent Kunio Tachibana, chief of police of this isolated fishing city of 44,000 nestled at the foot of the wild, windswept Cape Nossappu, Japan's most easterly point.

He said there are six master informers working out of Nemuro, each with five to 10 informers working for him.

They operate on fishing boats known as Repo-Sen (reporting boats or informers' boats).

"Only the captains of the boats are informers. The crew of the boats are not," Superintendent Tachibana said.

"All in all there is a total of 60 Repo-Sen, including the master informers, in Nemuro," said the police chief.

Hiroshi Himeno, chief of the Nemuro division of the Japanese Coast Guard, whose patrol boats try to keep track of the Repo-Sen, said information is turned over to the Russians during rendezvous at sea.

"Either that or the information is transferred at Furukamap or at Anama Bay," he added.

Furukamap is a port on Kunashiri Island whose twin volcanic peaks of Mount Rausu and Mount Chacha can be seen from here only 18 kilometres away and Anama Bay is a port on Shikotan Island further to the east.

Both islands, and two others close by, are claimed by Japan but have been occupied by the Soviet Union since the closing days of World War II. Russia declared war on Japan six days before it surrendered in 1945.

The Soviet Union's refusal to hand back the islands has prevented Moscow and Tokyo signing a peace treaty formally ending the war and its decision to militarise the islands three years ago cast a further chill over relations between the two countries.

Security officials say the Russians have some 12,000 regular army troops on the islands as well as some 5,000 KGB border guards, supported by a dozen armed patrol boats.

One reason the Japanese want the islands back is that they are surrounded by some of the richest fishing grounds in the world at the confluence of a south-bound cold current down beside the Soviet Kamchatka Peninsula and a warm north-bound current flowing up the Japanese archipelago.

Japanese fishermen, and there are 10,000 in Nemuro, can fish in designated areas of Russia's 200-mile fishing limit under a 1977 bilateral treaty but cannot enter the 12-mile Soviet territorial limit,

where most of the fish are to be found around the disputed islands.

The Japanese officials said the Russians let the Repo-Sen enter their 12-mile zone to take rich hauls of high-value fish such as crab in return for information.

Superintendent Tachibana said juicy, delicately flavoured hanasaki crab for sale at 1,700 yen a kilo (\$3.50 a pound) a few hundred metres from his office were brought into Nemuro by informers permitted to work off the Japanese-claimed islands.

"It is certain that the crabs were brought into Japan illegally by Repo-Sen because they are so big and can only be found off the northern territories (the Japanese term for the four islands)," he said.

"But we cannot establish who caught them and how and where they were caught," he added. "We can't get sufficient evidence for an arrest."

Chief Himeno of the Coast Guard said the Russians recruited informers in two ways.

"They either are approached by Japanese fishermen who want to get at the good fishing grounds in return for supplying information or they themselves approach Japanese fishermen who have been arrested for violating Soviet fishing laws."

"When the Russians want to use a man as Repo-Sen they say to him 'we will shorten your sentence if you cooperate.'"

The officials said the Russians only recruit ringleaders, who then organise their informers in return for a chance to fish in Soviet territorial waters.

"Each Repo-Sen must pay the chief informer a fee of two million yen (\$9,000) for a chance at the good fishing grounds under the protection of the chief informer," said Superintendent Tachibana.

He also said each informer must pay his ringleader 10 to 20 per cent of the catch taken inside the Soviet 1-8 mile limit.

The security officials said each master informer reports to his

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It was Qadhafi's plane, paper says

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 14 (A.P.) — Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qadhafi was on a Libyan airliner intercepted by Italian fighter planes after illegally entering Italian airspace, according to a newspaper report. The bulletin, in a copyright story in its Sunday edition, said it obtained intelligence documents describing the incident, which occurred Sept. 26 during the plane's flight from Zurich, Switzerland, to Tripoli, Libya. The intelligence service was not identified. According to the documents, Italian authorities were not aware that the plane was carrying Col. Qadhafi until Tripoli later sent protest communiques to Italian officials, and to the United Nations Secretary General.

China, India stop smallpox vaccination

GENEVA, Nov. 15 (R) — China and India have joined the long list of countries discontinuing smallpox vaccinations now that the disease is officially dead, the World Health Organisation has announced. Only five countries still have obligatory vaccinations — Burma, Chad, Egypt, Kuwait and Tunisia. Seven others — Albania, Algeria, North and South Korea, Gabon, Romania and San Marino — have not informed the organisation of their present policies. Since Jan. 1978 the organisation has investigated 16 smallpox rumours and proved 167 of them groundless. One case still being investigated.

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Soviet exile given French nationality

PARIS, Nov. 15 (R) — Soviet mathematician Leonid Plyushch who spent three years in a psychiatric hospital before being expelled to the West in 1976, has been granted French nationality together with his wife and son, the government journal has said. Mr. Plyushch, a human rights activist until his arrest in 1972, has lived in France since his release by the Soviet authorities.

Haig lauds Chinese merger plan

PALM BEACH, Florida, Nov. 15 (R) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig has described a Chinese offer to share power with a Taiwan reunited with the mainland as remarkable and meaningful. In what was believed to be the Reagan administration's first substantive comment on the nine-point proposal made by Peking to Taipei on Sept. 30, Mr. Haig said: "These were rather remarkable points."

Vandals damage Old Curiosity Shop

LONDON, Nov. 15 (A.P.) — Vandals smashed windows at the 16th century Dickens Old Curiosity Shop, one of London's most popular tourist haunts, has caused £200 damage, the shop owner has said. David Goldband said that nothing was stolen in the incident last week but that irreparable damage to the shop's 200-year-old wooden window frames. The time-blacked shop is famous for its collection of souvenirs and antiques. It is popularly believed to be the original building mentioned in Charles Dickens' Victorian novel, "The Old Curiosity Shop," but expert claim the premises Dickens wrote about were in Charing Cross Road in central London.

China admits child malnutrition problem

PEKING, Nov. 15 (R) — China, proud of its claim to be feeding its vast population, still has a child malnutrition problem, according to a report by the New China News Agency today. A national conference on food for children has set 1985 as a target for supplying enough food for infants throughout the country and for coping with children's diseases caused by malnutrition, the agency said. Priority would be given to remote areas and regions inhabited by minority nationalities, the agency added. One problem China has not solved is in distributing food and other supplies.

Bolivian miners strike despite ban

LA PAZ, Bolivia, Nov. 15 (A.P.) — Several thousand miners in one of Bolivia's largest tin mining centres have laid down their tools defying a government ban on strikes at the huge state-run Huanuni mine-mill complex, about 200 kilometres southeast of La Paz near the town of Mruro, declared a 24-hour strike Friday. They extended the work-stoppage Saturday after government officials and management at the Bolivian mining corporation failed to respond to the miners' demands. Miners from Mruro Saturday said the miners had decided to extend the strike indefinitely if the demands are not met.

